



EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE

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The joy of giving

MY TERM as High Sheriff finished on 1 April 2022 and since then I have had time to reflect on my year. It is a year that I will never forget as it has given me such a wonderful insight into the East Riding while being able to meet an incredible cross section of people.

The second half of my year got off to a flying start with a Dragons' Den style charity event run jointly with the High Sheriff of North Yorkshire, Venetia Wrigley. With the tremendous support of Two Ridings Community Foundation and six very generous Dragons we raised and donated over £37,000 which was distributed to six charities (three from East Yorkshire and three from North Yorkshire).

Other highlights included many more charity visits, supporting National Older People's Day, a visit by HRH The Princess Royal to CatZero in Hull, Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday services, and an evening with the City of Hull Street Angels supporting the night-time economy in the middle of Hull, making sure people are safe.

My support for the police and the judiciary carried on in my year and I was honoured to be part of two Long Service and Commendation Awards ceremonies

for the police as well as presenting Court Awards. Issi and I supported Humberside Police with their Night Challenge – over 120 young people took part in a 12-mile orienteering exercise with several challenges along the way. Each team consisted of between five and eight young people accompanied by a responsible adult. It really gave young people the opportunity to step outside their comfort zone.

Early March was dominated by my Legal Service in Beverley and then in the last three weeks the joy of giving over 30 High Sheriff's Awards to an amazing group of people – from life savers to volunteers and unsung heroes.

My final few days were spent visiting the recipients of my fundraising which targeted my theme for the year – early intervention. I need not have worried that the money had been well spent – comments such as 'you have helped make a difference', 'you have changed people's lives' and 'we are so grateful' made the year so worthwhile.

In closing, it has been a tremendous honour and privilege to serve as High Sheriff of my much loved county. Being given the opportunity to make connections and engage with communities has been truly humbling.



Photo: Driffield & Wolds Weekly

At the High Sheriff's Awards with Issi Shepherdson and Darren Baker with his carer Aaron and Red



Photo: Dani Noguera, Community Engagement Co-ordinator

The High Sheriff and Issi Shepherdson at the Humberside Police Night Challenge



Photo: Ian Chapman and CatZero

Welcoming HRH The Princess Royal to CatZero (a Humberside-wide charity offering life-changing and confidence-giving programmes) with Cllr Lynn Petrini, Lord Mayor of Kingston upon Hull and Admiral of the Humber, Issi Shepherdson and Lord-Lieutenant Jim Dick (partially hidden)



Presenting the Kiplingcotes Derby Trophy to winning jockey Sally Hill at the oldest horse race in England, with Philip Guest, Trustee, and Issi Shepherdson Photo credit: Driffield & Wolds Weekly

Richard Shepherdson
High Sheriff of the East Riding of Yorkshire 2021-22