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Survey reveals dog owners call for change to firework laws

UK DOG OWNERS are calling for a change around firework laws, with over 60 per cent calling for an outright ban on unlicensed fireworks itself, according to a recent survey. The poll of over 2,000 dog owners revealed that 96 per cent believe the laws around fireworks should change.

In fact, the survey, conducted by premium pet supplements manufacturer Lintbells, found that overall fireworks have a detrimental effect to dogs across the UK - more than 70 per cent of those surveyed claim the firework season has a negative impact on their families.

Dog owners across the country revealed in this survey that they are having to spend a considerable amount of time prepping their pet pooch for the loud bangs and sudden flashes of light on and around November 5 every year.

Nearly 80 per cent of dog owners turn on the TV or radio to help mask the unexpected bangs and crackles that often trigger stress and anxiety in their dogs. Over 75 per cent even go as far as closing the curtains, windows and doors to shelter their pets from the explosions that light up the night sky. Almost 50 per cent of dog owners create a safe haven for their dogs to escape to during the course of the night, while nearly 25 per cent of them have even tried giving a natural supplement to help soothe their frightened pets.

Calls to upgrade park

FOLLOWING the refurbishment of Hornsea Mereside Children's Play Park, residents near Ebor Avenue Play Park have called for an upgrade to their park.

The land which the Ebor Avenue Play Park is on belongs to East Riding Council.

However, Hornsea Town Council is responsible for the equipment which they painted in spring.

At the most recent Hornsea Town Council meeting this week, Councillor Barbara Jefferson said: "Ebor Avenue Play Park is quite well used, and we need to look at it now and where funding can be sought from."

Councillor Julie Kemp suggested the council should start to look into the park's refurbishment. She said it would enable them to be ready with the requirements when funding becomes available, including S106 agreement money from planned housing builds within the town. The councillors agreed to pass the project to the playground committee to investigate and work on.

Children carve a slice of history at village church

DESIGNERS: Some of the pupils from Patrington Primary Academy who came up with the designs

PROJECT: A view of the carvings

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SAINT: St Patrick faces the church

A TREE stump at St Patrick's Church in Patrington has been given an artistic makeover with a set of carvings inspired by local school children.

The church's Parochial Church Council (PCC) members enlisted the skills of wood carver Allen Stichler and pupils from Patrington Church of England Primary Academy School to create the carvings to enhance the entrance to the church.

The 150-year-old ash tree was condemned as dangerous in 2016 by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and was removed. The PCC decided to leave the two metre high stump lending itself to a sculptured carving to enhance the entrance to the Grade 1 listed building, which was built in the 14th century.

ARTISTIC: Wood carver Allen Stichler puts the finishing touches to the carvings

Woodcarver Allen Stichler, who is based in North Lincolnshire, was approached by the PCC about the project and it was decided to involve the local schoolchildren in the design process.

Mr Stichler, who started carving 10 years ago, visited the school to give a talk about the project and the pupils were invited to submit designs based on a study of St Patrick and what they saw locally in the village.

The panels consist of carvings of St Patrick, a deer, an owl and a squirrel and an inscription carved across the panels, 'I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity.'

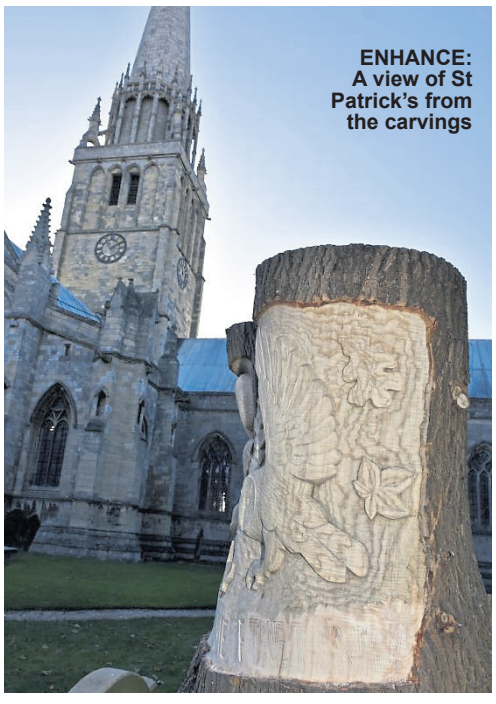
The carving at St Patrick's has taken almost 14 days to complete, with Mr Stichler travelling over each day and will be completed this week with three coats of protective varnish.

Funds for the project have been raised from The Lions and Buffaloes in Withernsea and several local parishioners.

Mr Stichler said: "It's been a pleasure to work in the shadow of such a prestigious church as St Patrick's, aptly named 'The Queen of Holderness.' It's easy to be inspired with such exquisite craftsmanship on the inside and outside of the building. The local community have been very enthusiastic and interested in the project, and I hope they will enjoy the finished carvings for many years to come."

Malcolm Watkinson, member of the St Patrick's Church PCC, said: "The children of Patrington have stamped their designs on this masterpiece of tree sculpture and created a great deal of community interest."

For more of Mr Stichler's work at Patrington, visit his blog at http://stichler.co.uk/index.php/blog/



ENHANCE: A view of St Patrick's from the carvings

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