

HOLLAND-ON-SEA RECORDER - 2021 (Roger Kennell)

Recording much reduced with the Covid-19 restrictions.

JANUARY

A wet and cold start to the year, with the coronavirus pandemic still dominating everyday life. Tier Four restrictions are in place. Schools closed, no public worship, only essential shops open, and everyone generally being asked to stay at home.

Covid-19 vaccinations begin for the over 80's.

The Tendring District identified as a high risk area during the middle of the month.

Further periods of rain. Pickers Ditch water up to underneath of the road bridge near Sladburys Lane. The Holland Marshes well flooded.

FEBRUARY

Snow fell all day on Sunday 7th. Brisk east wind. The snow laid on the beach. The sea was rough. The Clacton Hospital Covid vaccination centre closed early because of the conditions.

Despite the current 'lockdown' the confirmed numbers of coronavirus cases remains high.

MARCH

APRIL

On the 12th, non-essential shops are allowed to re-open. Public houses, restaurants and cafes can also open, but everyone must be outside.

Cold east and north east winds for many days, additionally a very dry spell.

A £2m project about to be agreed to stabilize the cliffs where recent falls have occurred.

MAY

Two new wooden seats both with small plaques, placed in the Brighton Road public open space.

JUNE

The bungalow 'Oaklev' on the Kings Parade ,and close to York Road is undergoing major alteration.

Outside the Kings Cliff Hotel, there is a new dining pod geodetic in design. It includes its own chandelier.

The Co-op store on Frinton Road, has a rack of beach goods on display in front of the shop.

After cold and windy spring the weather suddenly turn warm and sunny.

The Hazlemere car park is still being used for Covid-19 testing.

Cliff stabilization works start at York Road following cliff slips last year. The nearby car park is partly being used as a work compound.

JULY

A solid wood sheet barrier erected along part of the cliff-top NE from York Road where the cliff slip works are taking place. The beach huts at the part have been removed to the rear of the York Road car- park.

On a warm sunny Sunday, the car parks, the sea front road and the adjacent road were packed with parked cars. It would appear that the 'Staycation' holiday is having an effect.

AUGUST

The summer has not been one of the best, but many visitors come daily

SEPTEMBER

The Hazlemere Road car-park is still being used for Covid-19 testing

York House (Arcady) is for sale at £1.25m

OCTOBER

Around mid-day on Thursday the 21st , there was a high Spring Tide

Major pavement works in York Road and others

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Hazlemere Road Car-park still in use for Covid testing.