







## Frequently asked questions

**Q. Where has the earmarked marina money gone?**

A. It is still earmarked for Bridlington. The Council is working with the Bridlington Regeneration Partnership to undertake a review of the marina proposals as part of the wider regeneration study.

**Q. Is something really going to happen this time?**

A. A Masterplan for regeneration will be produced that gives a long term plan for the town. The Masterplan will be based on the facts of what makes Bridlington work, and how that can be developed. To attract funding, proposals need to meet certain criteria eg. jobs created, businesses supported, increased visitor numbers, etc.

**Q. So where will the money come from?**

A. The main funding partners are the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, regional development agency, Yorkshire Forward, and the Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber, who control European funding, for which Bridlington qualifies at present.

**Q. What about public opinion?**

A. The proposals that come forward must be well aired in public. A similar event to the Open Forum in February will be arranged to present proposals, and firm projects, so that public opinion can be gauged, and issues addressed before plans go too far. The need for Bridlington people to be part of the development of the regeneration Masterplan is essential.

Watch out for more questions and answers in the next Bridlington Regeneration Partnership Newsletter

## YOUR Top Ten Projects from Bridlington Urban Renaissance..

At the recent Open Forum on Bridlington's future, at Leisure World, organised by Bridlington Regeneration Partnership, the Urban Renaissance team asked the public to put their list of ten possible projects which had been developed from out of the recently created 'Draft Town Charter' in order of priority to them. These were the interesting results. One being the highest priority and ten being the lowest priority.

1. New Park & Ride/Multi-storey parking & links
2. New Pleasure Pier & its potential for seafront
3. New Market Hall & improvements to King Street
4. Large Scale Demolition in decaying areas
- =5. New centre of excellence at Wilsthorpe for water oriented sports with lake and new forest
- =5. More pedestrianisation AFTER new parking created
7. Large scale tree planting & greening of town
8. Glazing over centre streets/Crystal Palace idea
9. Ebor Flats - remodelled to improve appearance
10. Preserve status quo and just tidy up town

**P.S. Watch out each month here for updates on Renaissance work**

At the Open Forum at Leisure World feedback showed that people want to see town centre improvements, deal with eyesore properties, improve and maintain the Streetscene, improve property maintenance, and address litter, dog dirt, etc. problems.

To take one of these issues forward, the Regeneration Partnership Town Centre and Built Environment Forum produced an "Eyesore" audit earlier this year, identifying properties around the town that are at varying stages of disrepair or dereliction. The Partnership believes it is unfair to those landlords who invest in their property to allow these buildings to continue to fall into decay. The Council is now working with the Partnership to investigate several properties that have been identified for priority action. These are:

- Chapel Street – Former Radio Rentals shop, and Methodist Chapel
- Promenade – Former Winter Gardens site
- Flamborough Road – Former Buckrose Garage
- High Street, Old Town – Westgate House and No 38 High Street



### Regeneration of Coastal Towns Conference at Blackpool 1st & 2nd March 2004

Attended by: Cllr Grange, Cllr Harrap, Janet Murray & Andrew Hewitt

The conference was organised by BURA, British Urban Regeneration Association, for organisations interested in improving the environmental, physical and social infrastructure of coastal towns and their communities.

Blackpool is struggling to keep up with changing customer demands and competition from accessible foreign holiday resorts. The effect of this is similar to Bridlington's problems where investment is needed to create jobs for local people and boost the town's economy. Working in partnership, Blackpool Borough Council has created a resort Masterplan for massive change aimed at attracting investment and to enable public consultation to put the vision into practice. There is significant support for a casino with 70% of residents backing the plans.

Of greater relevance to Bridlington was the presentation on the renaissance of Whitehaven in Cumbria. An historic Georgian seaport suffering the decline of the coal industry, which has successfully begun to change its image and create a renewed sense of pride within the local community. Members of the Partnership were due to visit Whitehaven on the 5th April to discuss common issues which the towns have, and to learn from the experiences of Whitehaven to bring back to Bridlington.

### Around the Town – Did you know..?

#### Development

Bridlington Lower School Housing proposals – plans are being prepared for up to 150 houses to be built on the site. These will need to be submitted for planning approval, but the Council's transport study will include the traffic growth that the site is likely to generate.  
Old School Building Re-development – the current planning permission is for change of use to residential development, which would be a similar project to the re-development of the Avenue Hospital on Westgate, in Old Town.  
Save Garage – Sold at Auction at the end of February. The buyer's intentions for the site are not yet known, although there is a planning permission for retail units with residential above.

#### Highways

Many roads around the town are being dug up, continuing the programme of major investment by Transco to renew gas mains. Yorkshire Electricity have also now started work laying high voltage cables around the Brett Street/Quay Road junction, that should lead to the pylons on Gypsy Road playing fields being removed, along with those running along the north side of the town. Work is also going on around the town to re-lay old cables that have led to frequent power cuts in recent months.

Improvements to footpaths in Quay Road will start in mid-March, running for 18 weeks, to be finished in time for the main summer holiday period. The Council plans to work with the Town Centre/Built

### How can "Thriving Bridlington" help you?

The programme has already achieved

16	Jobs Created
5	New Business Startups
247	People Accessing ICT
87	Businesses Advised
25	People gained employment through training
10	Community Groups Assisted
20	People Assisted to gain employment through Starting Work Fund
234	People Engaged in Learning

If you would like to know more please contact the Regeneration Office at Bridlington Town Hall

(01262) 401112 or 08457 887700 (local rate) & ask for Bridlington Regeneration.

### Success Stories from the "Thriving Bridlington" Programme

**Young Aspirations – able to capture disaffected young people at school to develop interest in learning, training, and skills, in readiness for future employment**

**Wheels to Work – 2 young people were able to use mopeds to gain work experience after training which has enabled them to secure permanent jobs (both now have cars!)**

**One Stop Shop – Offering training leading to permanent employment.**

Environment Forum to consider enhancements to the Streetscene as part of this project.

Resurfacing of town centre tenfoots has just been completed including Wycliffe Lane, Travis Street area, rear of Pembroke Terrace (service road), and rear of South Marine Drive/Horsforth Avenue at a cost of £34,000.

Improvements to A614 near Howden – work has started on a major road re-alignment costing around £2 million at Welham Bridge, between Howden and Holme-on-Splading Moor.