

Awards again for Blooming Bridlington



Bridlington has once again bloomed in the regional Yorkshire In Bloom Awards, which were announced at a ceremony in Bradford, at the beginning of September. Bridlington's entry in the "Coastal Resort" category, led to a Silver Gilt medal, and overall category winner (there was no gold award given). Meanwhile, Sewerby Hall and Gardens was awarded "Gold"

in the Yorkshire Tourist Board category for country houses, estates and gardens, of which the overall winner was Harewood House, near Leeds.

Barry Mitchell, Chairman of the Bridlington In Bloom Committee, which spear-headed the campaign, said "The Bridlington in Bloom Committee are naturally delighted with the result. To be judged outright winners in the coastal category against the likes of Filey, Whitby and Cleethorpes is a great achievement from all those involved. Although the Bridlington In Bloom committee coordinated the campaign, the Silver Gilt Award is only achieved through the contribution of the wider Bridlington community as a whole, assisted by partners such as the local Councils. It was a great pleasure to accept this prestigious award on behalf of Bridlington"

Planning for the 2007 entry will start very soon - if you are interested in joining the efforts contact Barry Mitchell Tel: 01262 677739.

Do your bit for Civic Pride..

Martyn Coltman, Chairman of Bridlington Town Team, and Vice Chairman of Bridlington Regeneration Partnership writes :

"The local Councils and the Regeneration Partnership cannot do the small things that often make a big difference. If a town's buildings look clean, well painted, maybe with the extra touch of floral enhancement, then it can be said to be full of civic pride, for our residents and visitors. A proud town is a wealthy town in all senses of the word. Conversely a shabby, tatty appearance doesn't encourage pride or a sense of somewhere you want to be.

Lots of work HAS already been done by property owners. There are some lovely buildings with some great details and architectural interest, but too many are still in need of attention.

Now there's even more reason to do that bit extra because the latest round of Building Improvement Grants have just come online - contact 01262 678054 for more details. Take advantage of this funding made available through Yorkshire Forward and make that difference. (If you are planning to apply please don't do any work until your grant application is approved."

Town Team Corner

September's Town Team meeting held exciting workshops when members were able to plot on site maps of the South Cliff area, where they would like to see facilities located in the future - ie Park & Ride, The new 'South Forest', Watersports and related facilities, along with possible relocation of the amusement rides from the town centre as part of a much improved performance/entertainments area. At this stage all these ideas arise from the Town Charter and show continual progress towards the Renaissance of Bridlington. Ideas will be worked up into suggested schemes which will go to public consultation. Next Meeting October 11th 6.30pm, at Sewerby Hall. 01262 401112 for details.

Martyn Coltman, Renaissance chair.

Bridlington Urban Renaissance 2006/7 programme update

Urban Realm Improvements programme making a big difference..

After two successful years of urban realm minor project investment the Bridlington Regeneration Town Improvement Forum has set this years priorities.

Since 2004 this pot of money has paid for a range of projects, which although small in scale compared to projects like the Spa, have made a big impact. Projects and initiatives that this funding has contributed to delivering include improvements to the decorative lighting in the town, ornamental 'finger post' pedestrian signs, Bridlington Town entry signs, largescale additional tree planting in the town, the Successful 2004 Gold Britain in Bloom campaign and the flag poles in South Cliff Gardens.

The priority projects for this year include:

Gypsy Race Improvements

Gypsy Bank and St. John's Avenue area
This project has been identified by residents, who already undertake informal stewardship of the Race at this location and will include minor improvements to open the watercourse, fences and walkway to improve the environment for pedestrians, provide interpretation (through partnership with schools) and encourage natural habitat for wildlife

Visitor Information Boards

This scheme will introduce 'Welcome to Bridlington' signs at car park, bus and railway station arrival points as well as Bridlington Old Town, with appropriate information/directions to facilities, attractions and such. These are very much designed to complement new pedestrian

'fingerpost' signing introduced April 2005

Town Entry Signs Landscaping

Minor landscaping works to complement new town entry signs

Baptist Place Improvements

This project will concentrate upon the area which interfaces with St. John's Street, the main link between the Old Town and the main town. This project is promoted by residents and will seek to improve the existing bush shelter along with developing a community garden in this area.

It is envisaged that this will be the final year of these smaller schemes in Bridlington as the larger schemes which are now going ahead in the town will deal with the issues being covered currently by this type of urban realm project.



Regeneration update



Bridlington

REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP NEWS



Principal Street - Prince Street in Bridlington Town Centre

Focus Shifts to Town Centre

Chapel Street Improvements - Phase 2 Underway

The second phase of work in Chapel Street started at the beginning of September, and is expected to take 10 weeks to complete. The redevelopment of the Chapel Street area of Bridlington is the first stage of a comprehensive redevelopment of Bridlington Town Centre as part of the Bridlington Regeneration Strategy which was set out in 2004.

As with Phase 1, which was completed before the main summer season, the scheme is to realign and reconstruct the carriageway and footways on Chapel Street. Work on this phase will be from Marshall Avenue to the junction with Promenade.

The improvement works will also tie-in with the new buildings on the former site of the Methodist Chapel, which is now well under way and due to complete in time for Easter next year, at the start of the 2007 season, which should bring a whole new look to Chapel Street.

Shopping in Bridlington

At the start of September, BBC Radio Humberside, and BBC Look North, both took an interest in Bridlington's shops and regeneration plans for Town Centre Regeneration. This was what they asked :

Q. Will the big shops really come to Bridlington?

A. Not at the moment because the size of shop units we have in town is not big enough to make coming to Bridlington financially viable (although the new units in The Promenades will help with this).

Q. How will you change this?

A. Through the major town centre re-development project which is planned for the Coach Park area, linking through to Palace Car Park, and the Harbour.

Q. People have told us they don't want "Chic Boutiques" they want Debenhams, BHS, Next, etc.

A. The aim of the project is to create larger retail units, so that the right environment is created to get some of the major high street retailers to come into the town, giving a better range of shopping, which should encourage people to spend more of their money in Bridlington, rather than going elsewhere to shop.

Q. But is this realistic - will it really happen?

A. Yes - as part of the wider regeneration plan. The work now being done on the local planning framework, and Area Action Plan for Bridlington, will give developers, investors, and major retailers the confidence to make the plans for the future actually happen.

Q. Why would people shop in Bridlington when they can go to Hull, Meadowhall, and Scarborough?

A. There are some really good independent shops here already, and perhaps we need to be better at marketing what we have. If the major retailers that are already here can be joined by some of the more popular big names, then Bridlington will start to offer a new experience for shoppers.

Watch out later this year for the launch of a new leaflet "Shopping in Bridlington"



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Be proud of Bridlington

IT IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

SPECIAL EDITION ON COMMUNITY SAFETY - IN AND AROUND THE TOWN CENTRE

Bridlington Neighbourhood Police Team



The Neighbourhood Police Team approach aims to provide local accessible Police patrols to all the communities of Bridlington, through the Police Community Support Officers, backed up by two police constables, a police sergeant and Police Inspector. Sergeant Richard Kirven, leader of the new approach told Regeneration News "I believe that there has been so much change over the last few years, that confidence in the Police and other agencies to deliver quality services affecting their quality of life, has been reduced."

"The aim of the Team is to reduce crime, and the fear of crime in Bridlington. We want people to realise that we will not tolerate criminal or anti-social behaviour, and would ask that the community bring any instances of this kind of nature to our attention. With help from the community, we can identify problem individuals or areas for action. Officers will be allocated to specific areas, to get to know their local community, get themselves known, gaining the confidence and trust of the community, identifying local problems, and working with partners, find both short and long term solutions."

As well as building closer links with the community the Neighbourhood Police Team will tackle other problems including disorderly behaviour, drug dealing, misuse of mini-motorcycles, road safety and underage drinking, through enforcement and education, supported by the Community Safety Partners.

The Neighbourhood Policing approach has been adopted as "Best Practice" by Central Government, Inspector Jackson is in charge locally and has recently joined the Regeneration Partnership as a Board Member, to ensure that there are strong links between the Regeneration Programme and local Policing.

Based at Bridlington Police Station, the Police Community Support Officers are on patrol most of the time, and will soon have local "Surgeries" to give people an opportunity to come and meet them, tell them about local problems, and build relationships, and solutions.

So far, progress has been made in bringing about successful Anti Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) applications, for a

number of known trouble makers, with some still in the court process. Several drug warrants have led to recovery of Ecstasy, Heroin and Cannabis, from raids in Bridlington, and there is an on-going initiative to seize alcohol from people found to be underage, or drinking in public places.

Working with schools is also a key part of the work of the Team, and recently they helped to obtain funding for some drama students to produce a play about the problems caused by alcohol, which was shown at Bridlington and Headlands school, receiving acclaim from a number of sources including representatives of the schools, other police officers and the Home Office.

Contact the Neighbourhood Police Team on 0845 6060222 (24 hours)

Who are the Partners?

PARTNERS INCLUDE:

- Brid Link (formerly Anti-Theft Group)
- Bridlington CCTV
- ASBO Officers (East Riding of Yorkshire Council)
- Town Centre Manager (Bridlington Regeneration Partnership)
- Safer & Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF)
- Community Wardens
- Retail Support Officers
- Humberside Fire Brigade
- Brid Watch (Neighbourhood Watch)
- Bridlington Schools
- Bridlington Town Council

If you know of a local group who can help with this partnership, then please contact the Neighbourhood Police Team on 0845 6060222 (24 hours)

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)

What are the aims and objectives of the PCSOs?

To provide public reassurance and to reduce anti social behaviour in their local area.

What is happening at the moment?

Getting to know the local areas and making links with partners in the community; dealing with neighbour disputes; liaising with neighbourhood watch groups; active visible patrols.

How do you find working with the local partnerships within Bridlington?

"Bridlington is very fortunate to have a good local network of partners, with a united front to tackle local problems."

Bridlington Community Wardens



Bridlington Community Warden cleaning off graffiti

Bridlington's Community Wardens are easily recognised by their red tops and black trousers, and have been in Bridlington since Easter this year. The initiative has been brought to Bridlington as a result of European Regional Development Fund grant to help community development, and also Safe and Stronger Communities Funding, aimed at improving quality of life. The project will run initially for a three year period.

The Community Wardens are actively involved in:-

- Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, by working with other agencies, receiving and reporting information;
- Creating a safer, cleaner environment for everyone by co-ordinating action on fly-tipping, litter and graffiti removal and dog fouling;
- Encouraging social cohesion through sporting activities, community groups and schools.

Phil Darby, Community Warden Team Leader said, "We are certain that if the whole community works together, then we can substantially improve the local environment, deter crime and make Bridlington a better place for everyone."

Contact the Community Wardens on 01262 403010 (Office hours)

Retail Support Officers



Not to be confused with the "Red Top" Community Wardens, the Retail Support Officers, wear all black, with high visibility yellow jackets with "RSO" printed on the back. The RSOs have just finished operating for a pilot period to support the Neighbourhood Police Team, and Community Wardens, but with their focus on supporting the business community in the town centre.

There are seven RSOs, who work on a shift basis to patrol the town centre between the hours of (at present) 8am and 4am. During the summer period, the late night patrol was covered by two teams. They act as a high visibility presence in the town centre to deter retail/business crime, as well as acting as a signposting service for members of the public, where required, and also acting as a 'walking witness service' for CCTV and the Police. With communications through the "BridLink" radio system, they are able to assist retailers with incidents where required and liaise with other partners if necessary.

To date they have assisted with:

Public disorder	16
Assisted arrests	25
Breaking of ASBOs	9
Signposting	10
Assisting shops/theft	5
Drink driving	8
Assisting single crew police	5
Criminal damage	5
RTA	1
Self harming	7
Underage drinking	19
Suicide attempt prevention	5
Lost children	5



Alcohol recently confiscated by the Neighbourhood Police Team

Bridlink & Bridwatch

Bridlink has been for 10 years managing the radio system which links retailers together in a bid to reduce retail crime. With over 60 radios in operation the system also links with the Police, PCSOs Traffic Warden, CCTV Community Wardens and the Retail Support Officers, to share information and tackle problems. Based at the Community Cop Shop on Bridge Street, it is managed on a daily basis by Lynne. For further information or to join the network, please contact Bridlink on 01262 675900 or The Cop Shop on 01262 606692.

Bridwatch was established on 1st Jan 2001, It began with 8 or 9 Neighbourhood Watches and has now expanded to 47 throughout Bridlington, Carnaby, Sewerby and Flamborough, covering just under 4,000 homes. The scheme is managed by Peter Saxby (an ex-police officer) and run completely by volunteers. The office at 20 West Street, Bridlington attracted over 2,000 visitors in the first year. These premises were obtained through £10k of funding from the 'Charity Aid Foundation'. If anyone is interested in forming a community or neighbourhood watch group they should contact the Office on 01262 409352 or 606230.