

October

The new Bridlington Children's Centre opened at Butts Close, an investment of £850,000 from Sure Start and £200,000 from The National Children's Centre Programme. The centre currently reaches over 1,000 children under 5 in the Bridlington area.



St. John's Burlington Methodist Church opened their new improved facilities costing £300,000, following completion of their development project, helped by The Big Lottery, the Methodist Circuit Advice Fund and other donations and grants.

November

The first of its kind in the country, the new Bridlington Community Police Information Pillar was launched in a blaze of media attention. There have been many enquiries from other councils, police forces, about the project, along with interest from the Home Office about the initiative.



Chico visited Bridlington for the Christmas Lights Switch On, with Yorkshire Coast Radio Roadshow. Now renamed and expanded as 'The Festival of Lights, Lanterns and Lasers' this aims to become another integral part of the town's growing Festival Calendar.

The Seaside Garden project at Bridling-

ton Community Resource Centre on Victoria Road won £50,000 with the People Millions LotteryVote on ITV Calendar News.

December

Chapel Street Refurbishment is completed, marking the first stage of town centre improvements in the Renaissance of Bridlington.

Among the new developments completed by the private sector during 2006 were :

John Bull opened Candy Kingdom on Carnaby Industrial Estate. A three storey children's soft play area with food facilities, a separate café called the "Chocolate Bean", and a new overflow car park.

AB Graphic opened their new works and offices at the main entrance to Carnaby Industrial Estate, a major investment for the company re-locating from Bridlington's Old Town.

Richardson Ford re-developed their Hilderthorpe Road site, and opened a new show room, workshop and repairs bodyshop, showing an investment of around £1 million.

McCarthy and Stone completed their Burlington Court apartment development on Gordon Road, in the Old Town making use of the land vacated by AB Graphic re-locating to their purpose built accommodation on Carnaby Industrial Estate, a good example of "brownfield" development policy put into practice.

HICA Life completed their Highcliffe Court apartments on St. Annes Road, overlooking the North Bay, with 60% of the apartments already sold. The development shows a £7.3 million investment.

Congratulations to all the businesses investing in the future of our town. During 2006, the monthly edition of Regeneration News has featured 35 new or refurbished shops and businesses, to tell people more about what our town has to offer – if you know of a new, improved or re-launched businesses in the Bridlington area, please let us know, so we can let others know - call us, or send details by e.mail, to the contacts shown in the centre pages.

And into 2007....

Crescent Gardens restoration

Bridlington Skatepark "GasworX"

Carnaby Industrial Estate Access Road

Former Turner Brothers site Re-development

Bridlington's "Eye on the Bay"

Bridlington Spa Re-launch and re-opening

Regent Gardens Re-development

Key Centre Crèche

And more... in fact if you have any kind of regenerative project, planned or underway, that you'd like us to feature and you're proud of - please let us know via the contact details in the centre pages and we'll help you to promote it through Regeneration News. This is **your** publication for **your** town, brought to you by BRIDLINGTON REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

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Bridlington's Regeneration Review of 2006

A seagull's eye view of Bridlington's waterfront and spectacular Heritage Coast

A New Year message from your Regeneration Partnership...

2006 has seen a major step forward with real delivery of the Regeneration Programme, following two years of planning and project development since the regeneration strategy was launched in summer 2004. There has been a noticeable up-turn in private businesses activity, showing increased business confidence, and willingness to invest in our town. This reinforces the objectives of regeneration, for private and public sectors to work together with communities to make big positive changes.

Many new developments in 2006 deliver the first stage of the Renaissance Town Charter for Bridlington, which was put together by local people joining Bridlington Town Team, and really influencing the 'shape of things to come'.

January – work started on the refurbishment of Bridlington Spa, the Flagship project of the current Regeneration Programme, in recognition of the boost that the events held at The Spa bring into the local economy.

Following substantial demolition works, and construction of new piled foundations during the spring and summer, the new steel frame is now rising around the Spa Theatre and Royal Hall.

By November 2006 the project had incorporated:-

- 295 individual bored concrete piles totalling a length of 2.75 miles!
- 30 tonnes of steel reinforcement placed by hand
- 600 tonnes of concrete (additional to the piles) – the equivalent of 50 wagon loads.
- 140 tonnes of structural steel
- 4 new precast concrete flights of stairs

February – Yorkshire Forward acted as independent brokers between the Regeneration Partnership, East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Bridlington Harbour Commissioners, to resume progress on a joint harbour and marina development as a central project to the Regeneration Strategy.



The new conference suite on the north wing taking shape - Nov 06

February also saw progress made on 'Eyesore' properties, with Regeneration News reporting improvements at the Carlton Hotel on the Crescent, Just 4 Rooms on Chapel Street and the former Court House offices on Quay Road, and a residential property in Old Town amongst others. There have been many other eyesores improved through private development through the rest of 2006, with more to come in 2007. The Eyesore Review process is on-going and regularly reviewed.

Bridlington Urban Renaissance Town Team Meeting Dates for 2007

- 10th January 2007 • 21st February 2007
- 4th April 2007 • 16th May 2007
- 27th June 2007 • 8th August 2007
- 19th September 2007 • 31st October 2007
- 12th December 2007

2007 will see the 'Pre-submission' draft of the future planning framework for Bridlington - the Area Action Plan. Join the Town Team and take an active role in the planning process for your town.

Town Team Corner

November's meeting was given over to the younger residents of Bridlington. A 25 strong team of young people from the new Bridlington Youth Forum gave their ideas for a brighter Bridlington to the Town Team at Bridlington Town Hall. This was followed by workshops with the young people and Chris Squires - an artist commissioned by MBED to help them with their presentation. Various updates were given on projects and the chair shared his monthly message. You can be a part of shaping Bridlington - Call 01262 401112 or watch local press for details - or listen to the new advert on Yorkshire Coast Radio. **A very happy & prosperous New Year to all Bridlington residents.**

Martyn Coltman, Renaissance Chair.



Be proud of Bridlington

IT IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

A Review of 2006 and a look forward to 2007..

March

New workspace units at Bessingby Industrial Estate were officially opened by Terry Hodgkinson, Chairman of Yorkshire Forward. The need for workspace of this size was identified by the earlier Business Premises supply and demand review, and by July this year, all six units were occupied. The project cost approx. £1.1m, with funding from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Yorkshire Forward and with European Objective 2 Grant.



Work was completed on the junction improvements on Quay Road/Brett Street/Queensgate and St. John's Street. The scheme included new ornamental railings, and greatly improved the flow of traffic through the junction, at a cost of approx. £300,000, from the Council's Highway Maintenance funds.



April

The new project for Bridlington Community Wardens started, with financial support from the new Safe and Stronger Communities Fund, and European Objective 2 community grant. The scheme has created several new jobs, and helped to build local networks with residents, Bridlington Police, and their new community crime and safety initiatives. Recent special projects include removal of 15 dumped fridges, 3 1/2 tonnes of dumped waste from 50 sites, of which 2 1/4 tonnes were re-cycled, and many smaller "Clean-up" projects, working with local

partners. The Wardens also staged the Battle of the Bands event at Leisure World in October, attended by 350 young people, which was a great success.



The new Town Entry signs were in place in time for the Easter Bank Holiday, depicting the nautical heritage of the town and harbour, alongside Bridlington's Old Town and Priory. The signs were funded by Yorkshire Forward, with a contribution from Bridlington Town Council, to a design developed by the Town Council and Regeneration Partnership.



The newly restored £600,000 organ at Bridlington Priory Church was heard for the first time on 2nd April at a special service, which welcomed the Archbishop of York, Dr. John Sentamu, made possible through fund raising and gifts towards the target of several hundred thousand pounds.



picture courtesy Simon Kench

May

The Archbishop of York, visited Bridlington for the second month in a row, to officially open the new Key Centre, at Christ Church, on Quay Road. The Centre is now fully operational, offering basic skills training, aimed at people who prefer an informal approach to training and learning. The project costs overall are approx. £1 million, with over £500,000 grant from European Objective 2 community grant, £330,000 from Yorkshire Forward, and several other contributions including some of the Church's own funds. Several jobs have been created by the project, with many more people assisted to a better chance of employment through the help on offer.



The Renaissance Street Festival at Spring Bank Holiday included a lantern parade through town, with a model of fishing cobble to celebrate the Town's fishing heritage. This festival developed from the established Buskers Festival and created a huge public space for performers, craftspeople and musicians to offer a different quality of life for residents and visitors.



June

Chapel Street Phase 1 of the refurbishment works for Chapel Street were carried out, and completed before the main summer holiday. This was the first project to be brought forward under the Renaissance Town Charter for Bridlington, which was put together by local people to improve the town over the next 25 years. The aim of the Chapel Street project was to set the standard for future town centre improvements.



July

Confirmation was received that Bridlington Park and Ride package of improvements would be supported by the Department of Transport, with approx. £4.8 million of investment. Preliminary work for the preferred site at South Cliff could now go ahead, planned to be operational by the 2008 holiday season. Other schemes included in the package will be junction improvements on the A614 at Carnaby, the A165 at the entrance to South Shore, and also on the Hilderthorpe Road/Bessingby Road "bottleneck", on the way into town, along with improvements to car parks, and direction signing to where spaces are available.



The team from the Ocean Technology Foundation, USA, arrived in Bridlington for their search for the wreck of the Bonhomme Richard, flagship of the US Navy under Captain John Paul Jones, which sank over 200 years ago following the Battle of Flamborough Head. The search proved fruitful during the last few weeks of July, but was grounded by the bad weather and rough seas for most of August. The team returned to the USA with data collected on several sites of "significant interest" and are currently planning to return in summer 2007, if sponsorship can be raised to fund the visit.

August

Approval was given for grants from both Yorkshire Forward and the European Objective 2 Fund, for two projects to help local businesses. The Bridlington Business Premises Grant Project aims to offer small grants towards property improvements for business use, with a second project offering grants for marketing and promotion of business activities.

September

Work started on the re-development of the former Methodist Chapel site on Chapel Street, to create two new large floor area shopping units. The development is due to be complete in Spring 2007, with a final announcement on lettings awaited. The development is an investment of £2.5million.

