

Harbour and Marina Plans Move Forward

At the March meeting of Bridlington Regeneration Partnership's board, the Core Steering Group, members were pleased to note the positive press statement at the end of February with regard to the agreement between the key partners -Yorkshire Forward, Bridlington Harbour Commissioners, and the East Riding of Yorkshire Council - on the project for improvements to Bridlington Harbour. Bridlington Regeneration Partnership has promoted the need for a harbour and marina improvement project since it was formed in 1997, as a major thrust of the town's regeneration programme.

Following this progress, it should now be possible to include the agreed area for the project in the draft town centre Area Action Plan (AAP), which will provide the planning framework for the future development of Bridlington. Although much technical work is still needed on detailed design proposals, including these outline proposals for the harbour area, will give a more comprehensive regeneration package, which will be considered as part of the local plan review process.

The draft of the Area Action Plan is expected to be available later this year, when there will be the opportunity for public consultation and feedback. Details will be publicised with local media at that time. Visit www.bridlingtonregeneration.com for up to date information on the Area Action Plan and local plan review process.

Walking and Cycling in Bridlington

Bridlington Councillors, Community Wardens, and other local representatives attended a seminar on plans for a Walking and Cycling Strategy on 2nd March at Bridlington Town Hall, hosted by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Transport Programmes Team.

The key problems that deter people from walking and cycling at the moment

include fear of crime, and fear of traffic. Also affecting people's travel choices are the effect of the railway line, which splits the town with limited crossing points, and the effect of seasonal congestion.

The group went out to several places in Bridlington to look at problems, particularly at Scarborough Road (near to New Pasture Lane Estate), the railway footbridge near Hilderthorpe School, and also in the Town Centre.

The Town Team meeting on 4th April is due to include a workshop about the planned Walking and Cycling Strategy. See below.

As part of the Walking and Cycling strategy for Bridlington, plans for a coastal walking and cycling route have been selected as one of 140 possible projects to form part of the national "Connect2" cycle network, planned by cycling charity organisation Sustrans. Residents are being asked to show their support for the Bridlington proposal by visiting the Sustrans website at www.sustransconnect2.org.uk/projects. Bridlington is currently best-supported project in Yorkshire, but the most popular national project has four times as many votes.

Sustrans have said that schemes supported by on-line comments are more likely to make the final short list, so if you would like to support the Bridlington project, visit the website www.sustransconnect2.org.uk/project.

Renaissance Town Team Update

New Projects - At the time of going to press, Yorkshire Forward had just confirmed their support for the refurbishment of Crescent Gardens, which should take around six weeks to complete. Also approved is the next stage of development for public space improvements to Regent Gardens, Spa Environs, and Beaconsfield Gardens (on North Promenade). This will enable public consultation on two options for Regent Gardens to go ahead in the Spring, to improve the area in between Esplanade and the North Promenade.

Details can also now be drawn up for improvements around the Spa, on the Spa slipway and Promenade, and also for the first phase at street level along South Marine Drive. A second phase for South Cliff Road connecting the Spa with the Town Centre will follow later.

National Report - At the beginning of March, Bridlington was featured in national news coverage, following the publications of the House of Commons Report on Coastal Towns, by the Communities and Local Government Select Committee. The report was launched at the British Urban Regeneration Association Conference at Scarborough, which was attended by a small group of delegates from Bridlington, and calls on the Government to give special consideration to the Regeneration needs of Coastal Towns and Communities. (Visit www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/clg.cfm for further details)

The next meeting of Bridlington Town Team will be on Wednesday 4th April at Bridlington North Library starting at 6pm, and will include a workshop on the Regent Gardens project design. If you would like to join the Town Team please telephone 401112 to register your details.

Renaissance Street Fest

After last year's successful Street Lantern Parade, the Arts Festival Renaissance Street Fest planned for Spring Bank Holiday Weekend, will be back this year as a Rio Mardi-Gras style walking Carnival Pageant – it is hoped to attract walking musicians, dancing troupes, majorettes, cadets, school bands, and individuals in carnival costume. Carnival Workshops are due to be held at the Old Parcels Office at Bridlington Railway Station during May – watch out in next months newsletter, and see local press for more details as they are confirmed.

If you would like to join the Carnival Parade please contact Chairman of the Town Team, Martyn Coltman Tel: (01262) 609300, or call / e.mail the Regeneration Office for more information.



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Sewerby Hall & Gardens - feedback

There has been a very good response to the consultation on the future developments put forward for Sewerby Hall and Gardens as a result of the review study carried out during 2006. Following the special edition of Regeneration News in December 2006, the consultation period was extended until 19th January to allow further opportunity for responses as a result of a feature in Bridlington Free Press at Christmas, and also to enable Sewerby Residents' Association to formulate a response following a special meeting in mid-January.

Over 50 responses were received, mainly by letter, with the time and effort taken for the feedback being very much appreciated. This was in addition to around 100 people who attended the Sewerby Residents meeting, who also completed feedback sheets, and a petition from the village, which was handed in after the meeting.

The responses showed general support for :

- Restoring the Hall to a country house;
- Improving the catering and expanding the retail offer;
- Developing the educational resources;
- Re-locating/re-developing the zoo;
- The Council's commitment to develop Sewerby Hall and Gardens in keeping with its heritage and cultural values.

The main areas of concern were :

- Outdoor events spaces – too many/too big
- Proposed new car park on land next to St.John's

Church Hall

- Increased noise disturbance, environmental and traffic impact of these, both on natural habitat and nearby residential areas;
- Residential development on current car park site next to Methodist Chapel (being contrary to current planning policy);
- Proposed holiday accommodation on a site close to the cliff top (being contrary to current planning policy);
- The proposals being too ambitious;
- The possible loss of museum facilities/collections;
- Revisions to charges ie free access to park (except for special events) and charges for specific areas.

Other frequent comments made included :

- Why not leave the Hall and Gardens as they are;
- The need to address basic maintenance needs, before undertaking improvements.

All the feedback received is now being considered and will help to inform a final report with recommendations to be presented to the Council in the Spring. The final report will also include the views of English Heritage, following a visit to Sewerby in January, to consider the proposals in detail.

The full report on feedback received on the consultation will be available on the website www.bridlingtonregeneration.com at the beginning of April, or call the Regeneration Office on Bridlington 401112 to request a copy. Respondents to the earlier consultation will automatically be sent a copy.

Messing About on the Water – New Season Starts April

There is a little-known part of Bridlington, where great things are happening. This is Blyth Park, at Wiltthorpe, a mile or so to the south of the town where on low cliffs overlooking a superb beach

we find the dinghy section of the local yacht club. Here the members are enthusiastic supporters of Bridlington's regeneration, and they have teamed up with the East Riding

Council, and Yorkshire Forward, to put in place, an opportunity for young and old to discover the delights of messing about in boats. *(find out more overleaf...)*



SUSTRANS CYCLE RIDE VISIT



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IT IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Local Watersports, Help for School children and Community Grants...

Training Centre Season Starts (cont.)

At Blyth Park Training Centre, Bridlington residents and visitors can get afloat in safety, with professional help, supervision and warm outer clothing. In fact, Blyth Park is the only sea training location on the east coast, where throughout the summer those wanting to try sailing in small boats can do so day in and day out, weekends included. The aim of the Training Centre is to develop Bridlington Bay as a nationally renowned sailing and watersports destination, a key theme of the Regeneration Strategy. Anyone can join up for Training sessions, and become a temporary member of the club.

Yorkshire Forward grant support for the Training Centre recognizes the part which this activity can contribute to both community and economic regeneration. The Regeneration Partnership has also supported a grant from Yorkshire Forward for work on East Farm Cottage, to assist the club to refurbish the house with shower and changing facilities, training rooms and provision for disabled sailors.



Future plans to develop the Training Centre include an application for charitable status, a bid for Big Lottery funding to sustain the project over the next four to five years, and extending use of the facility for both primary and secondary schools in and around Bridlington. The aim is to include sail training as part of a school's sporting curriculum, building up on existing contacts.

Already, Bridlington is being seen as a place to hold national and regional competitive events, taking advantage of the fact that Bridlington Bay

is regarded as the best open water venue on the east coast, protected by the offshore Smithwick sand bank. At least four different classes of boats are bringing their championships here next season, with the Scorpions bringing as many as 60 boats out on the water. Next season, it is hoped that there will be a repeat of the National Schools Championship sailing event, which brought thousands of people to the area two seasons ago.

Some of the main diary dates for this year :

- Dinghy Regatta – 26th to 28th August 2007
- Annual Regatta – 4th to 11th August 2007
- National Dart Grand Prix – 16th and 17th September 2007

What you will find is a warm welcome at Blyth Park, and endless enthusiasm to help and encourage others to share the members' fascination with a sporting and social pastime reflecting not only our seafaring past but also England's present dominance in world sailing.

For anyone who has from time to time thought of the possibility of sailing, and would like further information, the contact telephone number is 01262 672041, and there is a website www.ryyc.org.uk

RATS Moves Forward !

A project which has received grant support through Yorkshire Forward's Bridlington Regeneration Programme for the last three years has successfully bid for a major lottery grant to keep the project running.

Part of a Big Lottery "Reaching Communities" grant of £292,701 will help children move up from primary to secondary school in Bridlington. The grant will help more than 1,200 children altogether, by operating also in the Goole and Grimsby areas.

Run by the Reading Assistance Teaching Scheme (RATS), who have a base at Bridlington's Com-

munity Resource Centre, the project is an innovative support scheme, which recruits and trains helpers to go into local primary schools. The STEPS (support training employment, potential & success) project will provide guidance for those moving from primary to secondary school and support for young people who may be at risk of being isolated or excluded from school.

Supporting evidence (from the pilot project operating in the Bridlington area, which was funded by Yorkshire Forward), was a major



contributing factor to the success of the Lottery bid. It was always the

organisation's objective to roll out this project to other identified areas of need across the area and it is now anticipated that children and young people across the East Riding and North East Lincolnshire areas will be supported by the scheme up until 2010.

Lynne Hunter, Chief Officer said: "We'll support both children and also adults acting as mentors. There will be a phone-line for information about events related to the project and opportunities to access training sessions that will cover issues around bullying, drug awareness, assertiveness and key skills. The Big Lottery Fund award will make a huge difference to so many children, young people and volunteers in all areas." The Big Lottery Funding complements the organisation's further successful bids for the Bridlington area, which includes Safer & Stronger Communities ABC Grant (see separate item) and the Children's Inclusion Fund.

Community ABC Grants

Bridlington has been fortunate to qualify for

further European Funding support through the 'Bridlington Empowering Communities (BEC) Programme', which will run until the end of 2007. The BEC Programme is made up of European grant money and Safer, and Stronger Communities grant money (from the Government's Neighbourhood Renewal Programme), which is targeted at the Bridlington South ward area. One of the projects within this programme, is a community small grants scheme "Advance Bridlington Communities (ABC)", where constituted community groups can apply for grants up to £20,000, if they help to deliver the aims of the grant programme.

All applications are considered by Bridlington PACT Board, a panel of residents of the target area, in conjunction with the Bridlington based staff managing the BEC programme. The PACT Board has the final say on how the grants are distributed, and so far nine local community projects have been offered grant support in the last four months, including:

Home-Start Bridlington and Driffield – Family and Volunteer Worker: The project will help families living in the target area by providing a Home Start development worker solely for Bridlington South ward and parts of the Old Town ward. This worker will recruit and train volunteers in this area to provide support and advice to families who are experiencing difficulties.

Bridwatch – Reach Out Workers: This project will employ two part-time outreach workers to develop new community neighbourhood watch groups in the target area, and recruit new volunteers to develop neighbourhood pride, reduce crime and reduce fear of crime.

Christ Church Community Services - TODZ Shop: Located on Prospect Street in what had been an empty unit, the shop provides second hand clothes and equipment for babies and children. Previously on Hilderthorpe Road, it has re-located to this central location in the PACT area, where it is now offering more volunteering and training opportunities for local residents who

want to take the first steps back into a working environment. The shop opened to the public on the 24th January and is proving very popular.



AFTER

Todz new shop in Prospect Street

BEFORE

The Grants Scheme is an initiative under the Advance Bridlington Programme, which is run by Coral Gladstone and Helena Moss (pictured here). They have also been working on a scheme for environmental improvements in the town centre area, which has recently been endorsed by the PACT board.

For more information about the Advance Bridlington Programme and the ABC Grant project call Bridlington PACT Office on 01262 677555, or visit: www.bridlingtonregeneration.com

EDITORIAL NOTE: In January's Regeneration News the Christmas Lights Switch on was mentioned as the re-named "Festival of Lights, Lanterns and Lasers". Following reader feedback we have been asked to point out that this is the "Christmas Festival of Lights". There is no intention to remove the Christmas theme from this festival.

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