

New businesses.. During 2007 Regeneration News has featured almost 50 new or refurbished local businesses. Please note that new and refurbished businesses are also displayed on the regeneration website for six months - www.bridlingtonregeneration.com

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES & DO YOUR BIT FOR REGENERATION



Gallery 49 - Market Place, Old Town



Dreamweaver Aromatherapy, Promenade



Café Nuestro, High Street, Old Town



Kapow Gifts - Queen Street



Pets at Home - Bessingby Road



Nail Salon - South Cliff Road

If you would like to feature in New Businesses and you have recently opened or had a major refurbishment please contact us at the Regeneration Office on 01262 401112

**Sorry to loose :
Just 4 Rooms, Logans & Halo**



3 Store - Chapel Street



Simpsons Pet Shop - Chapel Street (refurb)

Other Regeneration News

Eyesore Properties

Bridlington Regeneration Partnership has been campaigning for several years for long standing eyesore properties to be dealt with. Many of these have now been re-developed, but there are still some problems around the town. Recently, a group has been brought together through the Advance Bridlington Communities project, with representatives including Housing, Environmental Health, the Police, Fire Service, the Regeneration Partnership, and Planning, to target some of the long standing problems. Future editions of Regeneration News will give updates.

Park and Ride at South Cliff

At the time of going to print, East Riding councillors had approved in principle plans for the park and ride facility at the planning meeting on January 10. The next steps will be for any remaining consultation responses to be considered. The detailed scheme will then need to be passed by the Department for Transport before work can go ahead, which is expected to be during autumn 2008. The park and ride service is expected to be operational during 2009.

ERICA Needs You

East Riding Independent Citizen Advocacy is a registered charity that provides support for older people in the East Riding of Yorkshire. Citizen Advocacy means ordinary people standing alongside other ordinary people at a difficult time and providing them with information and moral support to deal with the situation they are facing. Citizen advocates can speak up for their partner or help them speak up for themselves.

ERICA has received funding from the Advance Bridlington Neighbourhood Programme as well as European funding to undertake a new project called 'Volunteers as Advocates'. The project will enable ERICA to develop its service in Bridlington by recruiting more people to train as advocates and to offer its service to a greater number of elderly people.

If you are interested in becoming an advocate or are over 55 and would like to talk to someone, phone ERICA on 01262 424372, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or contact us at Bridlington Community Resource Centre, 8 Victoria Road, Bridlington, YO15 2BW E-mail: erica.info@btinternet.com.

Renaissance Town Team

The first meeting of the Town Team in 2008, will be held on Wednesday 6th February, at Bridlington Town Hall, starting at 6.30pm. The meeting is open to all, and newcomers are most welcome. The February meeting will be looking at design standards for the future development of Bridlington Town Centre, to support the Area Action Plan which was the subject of public consultation during November 2007.

Dates of 2008 Town Team Meetings

Wednesday 19th March
Wednesday 30th April
Wednesday 11th June
Wednesday 23rd July
Wednesday 10th September
Wednesday 22nd October
Wednesday 3rd December

Meetings usually start at 6.30pm at Bridlington Town Hall. If you would like to come along, or to check details of meetings, please call the Regeneration Office Tel: 01262 401112



Regeneration update

ISSUE No. 42 FEBRUARY 2008

Supported by



Bridlington

REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP NEWS

What a great start to 2008 -
Another Eyesore vanishes..



The new 3 Store in Chapel Street. The previous eyesore now well and truly eradicated

After standing empty for several years, the prominent town centre corner of Chapel Street, and Cross Street has been transformed, and is now home to "3 Store". At the time of going to print, further external work on the building was due to

start. The building is owned by the Lords Feoffees, and has been locked into a lease agreement, which has only recently been terminated by the previous tenant, enabling the improvement works to go ahead, and a new lease to be signed up. The

refurbishment work has also included Simpson's Pet Store, which moved temporarily to King Street during the work, and has now moved back into Chapel Street.

..The Skatepark emerges..

Construction of the new Gasworx Skatepark in Bridlington is now well under way. The facility will be one of the largest of its type in the country, and able to host national events. Expected to be open at Easter 2008, the project will transform a disused stretch of Bridlington's 'Dukes Park' into a superb facility for young people. The Skatepark is also expected to be complemented by other facilities that will be developed at this central location, with plans also being developed for a Multi-Use Games Area. Nick Johnson, Skatepark Manager

at Bridlington Town Council, said, "Special thanks go out to the voluntary Skatepark Steering Group' who got this project started and worked hard for a number of years to secure a good chunk of the funding, before handing the project over to the Town Council last April. The hunt is now on for a main sponsor for the site, which will give excellent opportunity for publicity linked to events. We are grateful that many local businesses have already come on board as smaller sponsors by joining our 'Skate Buddies' scheme'.



For more information or to arrange sponsorship contact Nick Johnson, Gasworx Manager Tel: 07702 753305 or e.mail nick@bridlington.gov.uk.

..and Cycleway success!

Connect 2 wins the Peoples £50 million

Bridlington votes have helped national cycle charity Sustrans to secure £50 million from the Big Lottery towards the "Connect 2" national cycle network project. The network is made up of 79 individual projects, with the local route aimed at recreational and leisure cycling, and also providing north/south links to the town centre, and on to Flamborough

Head. The project is expected to receive around £500,000 from the Big Lottery, with a similar amount from the East Riding Council's Local Transport Plan.

Almost one year ago, the Chief Executive of Sustrans, John Grimshaw, visited Bridlington and cycled the route. Having never been to Bridlington before, he was keen for others to share the wonderful natural environment of the seafront route. Thanks to the

votes that were logged here, and across the country, the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Projects Team can now start to work on the scheme in more detail. All projects have up to 5 years to complete their route.

The website says of the Bridlington project "It would be difficult to think of a more inspiring coastal delight!" visit: www.sustransconnect2.org.uk

Lots more new and refurbished business in your town...

Be Proud of Bridlington - top UK resort for quality of life..

2007 HALIFAX SURVEY OF QUALITY OF LIFE BALANCED AGAINST HOUSE PRICES

Eradicating the Eyesores - a round up of 2007 - and the start of real regeneration across town

2007 has seen major steps forward with the regeneration of Bridlington well and truly under way – the relaunch of the flagship project for the major redevelopment of The Spa Bridlington later this spring is evidence of this.

There have also been changes in the existing town centre, which in earlier consultations, residents saw as a top priority for improvement. This helped to support 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.

Bridlington's Regeneration Review of 2007

January

Good news started the year with improvements to several long standing eyesore properties in the town. The former Turner Brothers Building on Bessingby Industrial Estate was well on the way to being re-developed by Bosdean Properties Ltd. of Bradford, who have invested well in excess of £1 million in the site. Work also started on the re-development of Westgate House in Bridlington's Old Town, which is now the home of the Old Town Pharmacy. The Christ Church Community Services "TodZ" shop re-opened in Prospect Street, in a previously empty unit, helped by an Advance Bridlington Community Grant.

February

Through the Advance Bridlington Neighbourhood Programme around £135,000 was spent on environmental improvements, in response to issues raised in an earlier residents survey –

projects included pathway resurfacing at Dukes Park, Monks Walk hedgerow trimming, new lighting in Queensgate Park, Monks Walk, St. Wilfred's Road and Palace Car Park, new litter bins on Hilderthorpe Road, West Street, Bridge Street, Promenade, King Street, Prince Street and Cliff Street, and distribution of free energy saving light bulbs in the project area.

March

Plans for the major re-development of the St. Mary's walk site of East Riding College were unveiled, and outline planning permission for the project secured. Subject to full planning permission being granted, work will go ahead later in 2008. The RATS project (Reading Assistance and Training Scheme) secured a major lottery grant of almost £300,000 to keep the project running, following earlier support from Yorkshire Forward. The project helps to support children moving up from primary to secondary school in the Bridlington area. Coronation Street's "Charlie" officially opened the extension to the Old Parcels Office Community Arts Centre at Bridlington Station. The project has recently won the Network Rail Partnership Award for the Centre.

April

The first waterfront garden refurbishment project was completed at Crescent Gardens, with funding from Yorkshire Forward, as part of their Renaissance Programme for the town. The project set high standards of quality, to complement private investments in the surrounding area.

May

The new £2.5m development of the former Methodist Chapel in Chapel Street opened, with newcomers to Bridlington, Peacocks, and also the re-located New Look, to their new two-storey unit in the extension. The project was complemented by the new look Chapel Street with many of the other shops in Chapel Street also investing in refurbishments, and extensions.

June

The new service road to open up much needed land at Carnaby Industrial Estate was completed with a high level of uptake and interest in the plots. The project has enabled access into the last 15 acres of land for development on the estate, with current demand being for smaller plot sizes. It is expected that individual sites will be developed early in 2008.

July

As part of the Old Town Summer Festival, a new event was arranged. The Food Festival ran over a weekend and saw live cookery demonstrations, and local produce market. Bridlington's Eye on the Bay was launched, alongside the new Burger King, and the extension to The Forum Leisure Complex was opened, giving a new look to the Esplanade.

August

In preparation for the re-launch of The Spa Bridlington, a new shop opened on Hilderthorpe Road, to promote the new Spa and plan the first events and bookings for the re-opening. Bridlington was voted best quality of life seaside town in the country, with best value house prices, in the Halifax (Bank) Annual Seaside Town Review. TV coverage of the survey ran on BBC News 24 and SkyNews, with reports showing Bridlington in its best light.

September

West Hill Community Services opened their long awaited play area on Bessingby Gate. Bridlington was in the spotlight again after winning the Yorkshire Tourist Board White Rose Award for Visitor Destination of the Year 2007, judged by tourism industry officials. The award recognised the long term regeneration plans for the town, and also the community and business partnerships with the Council and Yorkshire Forward to take this forward. Christ Church Community Services opened their Creche, as the next phase to follow the Key Centre, which was helped by European and Safe and Stronger

Communities Fund Grant.

October

Bridlington's long awaited Skatepark finally received the green light for work to start (see front page feature). Bridlington's Old Town played a key part in the annual East Riding Open Studios event, with local studios and galleries welcoming many extra visitors. Bridlington Chamber of Trade hosted the 2007 Bridlington Business Awards, recognising the achievements of Bridlington's business community. The event was compered by the BBC's Helen Philpot, and was a great success, attended by around 150 local business people.

November

Bridlington Expo 2007 was held at Leisure World and welcomed special guest, "How Clean Is Your House?" star Kim Woodburn. The first bookings for The Spa Bridlington were announced, to include the Musicport Festival (October 2008), the 2008 Yorkshire Business Dinner, with top chef Gordon Ramsay, and the first live music in May 2008, by top Leeds band The Pigeon Detectives. Bridlington's Area Action Plan for the Town Centre Re-development project was put to the residents of the town, with plans to include new shopping areas, town centre housing, leisure facilities, and around 750 additional shoppers car parking spaces.

December

Bridlington won a stake in the Big Lottery People's £50 Millions, with plans for a new coastal cycle route from Wilsthorpe to Flamborough Head (see front page feature). Town centre traders worked together to re-launch two late night Christmas shopping evenings, supported by Bridlington Round Table.

And into 2008....



MARCH



APRIL



MAY



AUGUST



SEPTEMBER

How to contact the Regeneration Team: **IN PERSON** or **BY LETTER:** TOWN HALL, QUAY ROAD, BRIDLINGTON, YO16 4LP

BY E-MAIL: bridlington.regeneration@eastriding.gov.uk

ON THE WEB: www.bridlingtonregeneration.com

BY PHONE: 01262 401112

If you or anyone you know would like this newsletter in a different format, ie large print or other language, please contact us.

Regeneration update

