



Spa Environs

The Bridlington Spa Environs Project is progressing well both in terms of design and accessing external funding for the scheme, through the application to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) "Sea Change" programme, to be matched with Yorkshire Forward investment. The Programme is being managed by DCMS in partnership with the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE)

Good news for Bridlington is that after the initial expression of interest to the "Sea Change" Programme, the Council has been invited to submit a full application for funding. The Arts Council and Yorkshire Forward have been very supportive of the ambitions and qualities of the project, and the innovative approach taken to date, which has been through a design competition process which resulted in four excellent submissions from nationally recognised design teams with a track record of delivering high quality public space projects.

These design concepts were unveiled to the public at a consultation event at The Spa, with over 150 people attending. Taking account of all the consultation feedback received, the judging panel sat on the 13th August which comprised:

- The Council's Design Champion – Councillor Geoff Pickering;
- Renaissance Projects Officer from Bridlington Renaissance Team;
- A representative from the Bridlington Renaissance Partnership;
- Representatives from Yorkshire Forward and The Arts Council.

At the time of publication a final decision was awaited on the preferred design team to whom the commission will be awarded. The full application to the DCMS "Sea Change" programme will be submitted at the end of October. Consultation events will be held during October. Please watch the local press for more information or call the Renaissance Office (Tel: 01262 401112) for details.

Bridlington Marina

The Council is continuing to work closely with Bridlington Harbour Commissioners to develop a plan which will allow the linkage between the Harbour and town centre, which are critical to the success of both projects. The Commissioners' consultants are working with the Council's Consultants, Atkins (Ports and Harbours Division) to

develop working drawings based on the outline layout agreed as part of the recent Demand Study report (PLB June 2008). Possible designs should be available for inclusion in the next round of consultation on the Area Action Plan for Bridlington.

Bridlington Area Action Plan (AAP) - town centre redevelopment

The timescales for the Town Centre scheme are being slowed due to the current economic climate. However, there is confidence that the town centre and marina are sound projects which will, when implemented, achieve all of the original regeneration objectives for Bridlington. The latest report takes into account comments which were received from landowners in the area covered by the proposals, during the consultation on the "Preferred Options Draft" last November; along with comments from Government Office, and recent changes to the planning regulations. Further local consultations will be carried out before the end of 2008, to enable comments on the more detailed proposals. This will allow the submission to be made to the Planning Inspector during 2009.

Sewerby Hall & Gardens Masterplan

The first project for the future development of Sewerby Hall & Gardens is now moving forward. Work is underway to prepare details of the costs for the first phase of restoration of the Hall, to its former glory as a Country House. The project will restore most of the ground floor using the comprehensive archive from when it was a family residence, and will include the addition of kitchens, providing opportunity for a wide range of educational activities using the rooms as historical settings. An application will be made for Heritage Lottery Funding early in 2009, which if successful would help to support the cost of preparing the full project design, leading to a further application for the cost of the work.

The Sewerby Hall & Gardens Masterplan was developed to provide a long term plan for the future management of the Estate, to ensure that appropriate investment is made in the popular attraction, much enjoyed by both residents and visitors. Details of the Masterplan can be viewed by visiting www.bridlingtonrenaissance.com, or call the Renaissance Office (Tel: 01262 401112) for more information.

Connect 2 Sustrans Cycle Route

The first meeting of the Community Steering Group for the project was held in July. Sustrans, the national cycling charity behind the national Connect 2 route project, are keen for all 79 locations on the national network to be developed by local communities. The first meeting gave the opportunity for representatives of local groups, organisations, and individuals to put forward ideas and concerns that will be considered as the design of the project moves forward. As a result of the Steering Group meeting, some amendments have already been made to the route between Flamborough Village and the Lighthouse. The section through Danes Dyke is an area which will need to be developed by working with Natural England, the agency which works to conserve and enhance the natural environment.

The next Steering Group meeting will be in early October (date to be confirmed at time of going to press). Contact the Renaissance Office (Tel: 01262 401112) for details.

And looking ahead

Bridlington's Bovered Bunch is Cindy (15) Scott (15) Joel (15) Hannah (14) Robyn (11) all from Bridlington School Sport College. They have taken part in the annual "Lifestyle Challenge" run by Humberside Police, and have surveyed over 1700 young people and adults in the town to find out what people think of Bridlington and what they would like to see come to the town. Their survey results found that both young people and adults would want to see a) a chill out area, b) an ice rink and c) a rock climbing wall.

The Bunch is working with the Gasworx Skatepark on the chill out area idea, along with helping to get the planned Multi Use Games Area up and running, which could include a rock boulder that would not require ropes, harnesses or helmets.

Staff at Bridlington Renaissance Team will be working with the Bovered Bunch, when the consultations go ahead for a new facility for young people in the town centre. The Renaissance Team would like to wish them the all the best as they compete for the 20th year of the "Lifestyle Challenge".



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Autumn Arts, Culture & Events

Bridlington is Good News

The new event held at The Spa on 12th July was another example of Bridlington's "Good News". Over 80 different groups and organisations took part in the day as exhibitors, and over 2000 people came along to find out more about Bridlington's "Good News".

The event was the brainchild of Jonathan Couper, Vicar of Christ Church, who said, "the exhibition was where Bridlington discovered a taste of community in the 21st century. It was heartening and encouraging for all to see a strong desire to do good for Bridlington and pleasing to see the way in which stallholders and visitors alike welcomed the whole idea of making clear the Good News in Bridlington". It is hoped to run a similar event in 2009.

The VIP guest was the Archbishop of York, Reverend Dr: John Sentamu,

who has been a regular visitor to Bridlington, and had re-arranged his schedule specially to be there. While at The Spa, he presented David Dowson, who was Chairman of Bridlington Regeneration Partnership for 10 years between 1997 and 2007, with a gift in recognition of his contribution to the town.

Yorkshire in Bloom – STOP PRESS – Bridlington Wins Coastal Towns Category, to represent Yorkshire in 2009 National Britain In Bloom Competition. **Congratulations on a great effort and great result.**

More Major Events coming to Bridlington:

East Riding Open Studios – 4/5th and 11/12th October when artists and craftsmen in 68 studios across the East Riding will open their doors. 12 studios in Bridlington, 1 in Bempton and 1 in Flamborough will take part in the event. Catalogues

available from Bridlington Tourist Information Centre, or The Winter Gallery, on Princess Terrace (near the bus station) or visit www.eastridingopenstudios.co.uk; **Bridlington Business Awards Dinner** – 10th October (see centre pages); **BBC 1 Antiques Roadshow Filming** – 16th October with Fiona Bruce; **Musicport Festival** – 17-19th October (see centre pages) with 40 acts starring in a jam-packed weekend of World Music; **Scooter Festival** – 24/25th October Britain's premier and longest running scooter show moves back The Spa for its annual visit to Bridlington; **Wolds Expo** – 29th October (see centre pages).

For dates of other events visit: www.bridlingtonrenaissance.com If you are holding an event in Bridlington and would like it included in the listings please contact the Renaissance Office (see centre pages).

Partnership News – Car parking on the Agenda

The Renaissance Partnership Town Improvement Forum is lobbying the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Car Parking Review Panel, over the current car parking charges in

Bridlington. At the meeting of the Forum on 2nd September, several issues were raised that will be put before the Panel for consideration when it meets in the Autumn.

Renaissance Town Team update

Martyn Coltman

Bridlington's first Autumn Town Team meeting was held on 10th September at the Town Hall and welcomed Pete Budd from Whitby, with a presentation on the possibility of creating a new festival for Bridlington, based on recreation of the world famous Battle of Flamborough Head and which would feature the Yorkshire Coast's Grand Turk tall ship - which it is hoped will also be in Bridlington for the World Music Festival in October (see above).

The rest of the meeting featured a round up of all the current Renaissance projects (see back page). There was an update from Visit Hull & East Yorkshire

Tourism Association about how it actually promotes Bridlington at home and abroad; a piece on the East Riding Design Partnership and a final discussion on the new Town Team brochure which will soon be available to the public and especially to prospective new Town Team members.

As ever Town Team meetings are open to all and begin at 6.30pm on a 6 weekly rolling interval. Next meetings are 22nd October and 3rd December. Call Andrew Hewitt, Renaissance Coordinator for locations and further details on 01262 401112.



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Be Proud of Bridlington - Visitor Destination of the Year

Business Awards Spectacular

October brings two major annual events aimed at supporting and showcasing local businesses. On Friday 10th October Bridlington Business Awards 2008 will be taking place in the Royal Hall, Bridlington Spa, hosted by Hull & Humber Chamber of Commerce. The compere will be the BBC's Helen Philpot, with the keynote speech by Tom Riordan, Chief Executive of Yorkshire Forward. Video clips made by East Riding College Media Students will showcase the finalists.

There are 5 separate Awards that will be presented during the spectacle, including Best Start Up business, best Small business, best medium/large business, the business that has done something special for Bridlington, and the overall business of the Year. Finalists include: Ernest Whiteley & Co.; Tuk-Tuk Travel; Rawhide Accessories Ltd; Vanilla; A P Computer Solutions; Ultima Handmade, West BS, East Yorkshire Housing Association, H. Lount & Son Ltd; Ideal Building Systems Ltd; New Look; Georgian Rooms & Antique Centre; Bellezza Academy; and Rags Hotel, Bar & Restaurant.

Many other local businesses have offered sponsorship, donated prizes, floral displays and hanging banners. All profit from the evening will be donated to Bridlington and Driffild Mencap and Gateway Society, with Barclays Bank pledging to double the amount raised.

Last minute tickets enquiries (priced at £47.00 (including VAT)) should be made to Nexus on Tel: 01262 603777 / 604777 or by email to info@nesl.biz

Wolds Expo Returns to The Spa

The Wolds Expo, which will take place on Wednesday 29th October 2008, is the main business and hospitality exhibition in the East Riding. Featuring both local and national companies, the Wolds Expo has become an annual event on the business calendar.

This year's event will be held at the newly refurbished Spa Bridlington, and will incorporate the VHEY (Visit Hull & East Yorkshire) Industry Seminar. If you are interested in attending the seminar, or require more information on VHEY, contact Barbara Macniven on 01482 486610.

Bridlington Renaissance Partnership, Hull & Humber Chamber of Commerce and the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Business Investment Services Team are supporting the organisers, Bridlington Hotel & Guest House Association. All the usual attractions of the Expo will still be there, including the very popular speed networking, run by the Hull and Humber Chamber of Trade and Commerce. It is also hoped to run a local produce demonstration.

For more information on the event, or if you would like to book a stand, contact the Hotel & Guest House Association on 01262 603867, by e-mail wolds-expo@live.com, or visit the Wolds Expo website at www.wolds-expo.co.uk.

Local Business News

Tourism in the Town Centre

To keep up with the changing needs of its customers, like The Spa, Rags Restaurant and Hotel has recently undergone a facelift with the conservatory and bar areas being totally revamped with a £25,000 makeover. This is the third upgrade since Les and Julie Dyl opened Rags in 1996, who now have a staff of 35. They also acquired San Marino Court apartments on Pembroke Terrace in April 2007 and have been busy redecorating, upgrading and building up their clientele. On hearing about their nomination for the Bridlington Business Awards, Julie said, "We are absolutely thrilled to have been awarded self catering best maintained frontage award," and Rags itself has been nominated for the Bridlington Business Awards which will take place at The Spa in October.

Big New Festival

Musicport Festival - the UK's biggest indoor world music festival - comes to Bridlington for the weekend 17-19th October. Having outgrown Whitby Pavilion over the last 8 years, the Festival is taking the opportunity to move the whole festival to The Spa Bridlington. Musicport, a non-profit organisation supported by Arts Council Yorkshire, has developed a high reputation for the quality and range of its programming.

Organiser Jim McLaughlin says "Musicport will bring significant economic benefits to the town as it has in Whitby. People travel from all over UK and further afield to attend and as well as needing places to stay we know they'll use other local services - shops, restaurants, etc. With major artists from around the world appearing it will also increase Bridlington's international profile. We hope very much it will establish itself as an event that Bridlington can take ownership of and enjoy and we know it fits with the aim of making Bridlington a festival town. The excellent facilities at the Spa are what world class acts require so we are confident that we can make the weekend a great experience for all involved".

Tickets are available (also concessions and group booking discounts) for the whole weekend, single days or early & late sessions. Visit www.musicportfestival.com or tel 0845 3732760 for further detail or contact The Spa Box Office Tel: 01262 678258.

Arts and Culture in the Old Town



The Priory Gallery opened this summer to a packed audience and loads of enthusiasm, optimism and positive comments by all! New to the ever increasing choice of services in the Old Town Street, The Priory Gallery on High Street is aiming at a more contemporary, rather than traditional, audience with their choice of artists. More than just a gallery, there is also an art supplies store too, so that local and visiting artists can source their materials locally.

Contact the gallery on 01262 601942. Alternatively, visit the website at www.priorygallery.co.uk where you can find out more about the gallery, the artists and plans for future shows.

Leading local business expands

Local firm of Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors, Lloyd Dowson has recently completed a major expansion at their Head Office at Medina House, Station Avenue. The work has extended the business into No. 4 Station Avenue and was completed in Spring this year. The expansion has given a further 3000 sq ft of office space for business activities, and is an investment of £240,000, which has added 11 local jobs to the team. The expansion has led to 320 new clients, with over 60% of these from out of the local area, bringing a significant amount into the local economy of Bridlington. Visit www.lloyddowson.co.uk or Tel: 01262 602456 for more information.



Local Business Investment

Bridlington Business Centre - Your Local Business Support Service

If you are looking to start a new business or wanting advice or general business assistance, the staff at the Bridlington Business Centre are there to help. By working with Business Link Yorkshire, there is a full complementary service to meet the needs of local businesses.

Up to date information on all aspects of business support is available from the team at the Business Centre, who also have access to a range of flexible, cost effective training and support solutions, designed to meet the specific business needs.

For general assistance or to see what services are available to meet your business needs at this time contact can be made either in person at Bridlington Business Centre on Enterprise Way, off Bessingby Industrial Estate, or by calling 01262 401399

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