



Yore Vision

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"Revitalising your Community"

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Useful websites...

Main website:

www.yorevision.org.uk

Harrogate Borough Council:

www.harrogate.gov.uk

Yorkshire Forward RMT portal:

www.rmtportal.com

Funding opportunities:

www.harrogate.gov.uk/harrogate-4191

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Dear reader

Many thanks for your kind words and feedback following the success of our first edition in February – it was a sell-out and whilst we e-mail the newsletter to the majority of our readers, we will be ensuring an increased print run for distribution on local outlets for this edition.

A lot has happened since last time- for example, I have been to Holland on a study tour with other Chairs and officers from across Yorkshire and the Humber, looking at community regeneration and environmental initiatives including traffic calming and even local hydro power companies! We have also finalised work on the Yore Vision walks that aim to link up communities between Westwick Lock and Aldwark for those who want to get fit by walking. Whilst these will be officially launched in May, it is clear that they are already generating sufficient interest across the Lower Ure Valley and beyond from many parties.

We have also been planning our next 12 month programme with the support of our MBED facilitator, Valerie Monti-Holland, and amongst our plans are initiatives that engage and encourage local resident participation - so watch out for the Yore Vision Photographic Competition - which will run until the autumn before judging takes place. We are also planning for our own version of "The Apprentice meets Dragons Den", which aims to encourage enterprise and skills development across the Lower Ure Valley by inviting participation from many of our existing and would-be entrepreneurs.

Finally, our **AGM will be on Thursday 5th June at Boroughbridge High School**, when the guest speaker will be Helen Walker and colleagues from h2ope, who have been instrumental in setting up Yorkshire's first hydro power Community Interest Company on the banks of the River Ribble in Settle. It should be a fascinating evening and is a must for those interested in alternative Eco-sources of energy- which is a lot of people judging by the activity surrounding wind turbines and waste disposal that are engaging the local community in Boroughbridge and the Lower Ure Valley at the moment.

In the meantime, this is your newsletter - enjoy!

Yore Vision 2nd Annual General Meeting

Thursday 5th June 2008, 7pm

Boroughbridge High School, Main Hall

(Food available from 6.15pm till 7pm)

Come and find out more about projects that aim to improve "yore" area!!!

GREEN LIGHT FOR 'IMPROVING THE OFFER' IN BOROUGHBIDGE & KNARESBOROUGH

Regional Development Agency, Yorkshire Forward, have agreed to support the 'Improving the Offer' package of projects across Boroughbridge and Knaresborough to the tune of over half a million pounds (subject to contract).

As part of Yorkshire Forward's Renaissance Market Town (RMT) programme, Yore Vision have been working alongside HBC's Regeneration Team and Renaissance Knaresborough to develop this package of projects to improve the economic and physical fabric of both Boroughbridge and Knaresborough.

The package, with a total value of over £1.1 million, includes:

- **St James Square** improvement works to re-cobble this focal point in the town;
- **Property Improvement Grants** for the visual enhancement, restoration and re-use of commercial town centre sites and buildings;
- **Courses on customer care** for all tourism, retail and hospitality businesses.



The package has been developed with support from the local Chamber of Trade and Town Council. In addition to the contribution from Yorkshire Forward, funding to support the package is anticipated from a number of sources, including HBC, NYCC and Private Sector contributions.

Calling all businesses in Boroughbridge!

Through 'Improving the Offer', we're offering a fantastic opportunity for businesses and service providers in Boroughbridge and Knaresborough to attend one-day customer service training courses for the brilliant price of £35 per person.

The training is part of 'Welcome to Excellence' which is a nationally recognised programme of courses which focus on different elements of customer care. The courses are designed to suit both new and highly experienced staff including front-line employees, managers, business proprietors and volunteers working in a whole range of tourism, retail and hospitality trades.



All businesses and service providers are being invited to attend one or more of the courses - it's up to you which course or courses you feel would be most relevant for your business.....

The next courses in the series, due to be held at Conyngnam Hall, are:

- **Welcome All – 29th May 2008:** providing participants with practical advice and cost effective ideas to enhance service quality for customers with disabilities and specific needs. For more information and to book your place on this course, please visit www.harrogate.gov.uk/harrogate-5444
- **Welcome Line – 26th June 2008:** looking at effective telephone and email communication and how to convert enquiries into sales For more information and to book your place on this course, please visit www.harrogate.gov.uk/harrogate-5445

We are keen to tailor all of our courses to meet the needs of local businesses - if you would like to discuss any particular requirements or find out about the other courses in the series, please contact Daniel on 01423 799149 or at daniel.harper@harrogate.gov.uk

If you're interested in finding out more about the **Grant Scheme for improving your business premises**, have a look at www.harrogate.gov.uk/harrogate-5409 or contact Rebecca on 01423 556052 or at rebecca.micallef@harrogate.gov.uk

St James Square - Have your say!!!!

Whilst Yore Vision are leading discussions about the long awaited recobbling of St James Square with the owners and Town Council, we want your input too!

Subject to finalising details of an agreement that will ensure continued public enjoyment of the Square in the long-term, proposals for re-cobbling works are now being progressed as part of the 'Improving the Offer' package of projects. A significant financial contribution towards this project has been secured from Yorkshire Forward.

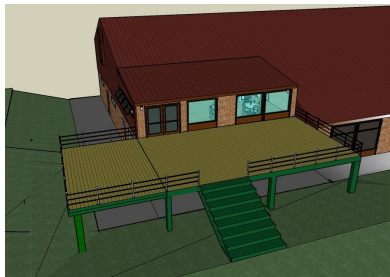


Continued consultation with the public will ensure that the community is fully briefed on plans and able to have their say on the proposals – keep an eye out for more details coming shortly.....

For more information contact Rebecca on 01423 556052 or at rebecca.micallef@harrogate.gov.uk

A WELCOME BOOST TO GREAT OUSEBURN VILLAGE HALL CLUB ROOM

Yore Vision have recently secured a £10k contribution to the Great Ouseburn 'Raising the Roof' project which they have selected as their 2008-09 RMT Rural Target Fund project. This is Yorkshire Forward funding which is administered by North Yorkshire County Council and provides upto £10,000 capital funding for public realm or capital build projects.



The 'Raise the Roof' project at Great Ouseburn Village Hall is being led by Great Ouseburn Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee and will see the conversion and extension of an existing storage area to provide a new club room and improved community facility. The project will not only benefit the numerous clubs and societies that already regularly use the village hall and playing fields by improving this much-loved facility, but it will also increase its attraction and availability as a focal point for the benefit of residents and visitors across the lower Ure valley.

For more information about this project, please contact Keith Scott, Vice Chair of Yore Vision at keith.scott@btinternet.com or on 01423 331235

BOROUGHBRIDGE UNVEILS MORE OF ITS BEAUTIFUL SCENERY - "Ure Walks Through Time"

BOROUGHBRIDGE has been welcoming visitors for centuries. Possibly the most famous are the Brigantes and the Romans with nearby Aldborough just possibly being the capital of the Brigantes before the Romans arrived. So whether it is ancient battlefields, bird-watching, canal trips, Roman ruins, stately homes, stunning scenery or good old Yorkshire fayre you want, Boroughbridge has it all on offer.

And the latest project, delivered by Yore Vision through the Renaissance Market Town Programme, and part funded by Yorkshire Forward, will help visitors understand and enjoy even more this part of the Lower Ure Valley.

Keith Ramsay, Chair of Yore Vision, explains. "It is hard to capture all there is to offer in Boroughbridge and we decided that one of the ways we could improve that was by the introduction of a series of interpretative way-marked trails along the River Ure which runs through the town and surrounding villages. This has been an amazing collaborative effort by Volunteers, members of Boroughbridge Town Council, Parish Councils, Yore Vision, Harrogate Borough Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Yorkshire Forward and local businesses. Each trail starts with a high profile panel produced by Adrian Bury Associates. We have also produced an explanatory leaflet and when viewed together, they unlock some fascinating local history and explain the landscape along the river."

"They often say that those who know least about their area are the locals. Not really true in the Boroughbridge area where we are proud of our history and visitor offer. But we want to open up everyone's eyes so that they can see for themselves what a wonderful area this is to live and work in, or to visit for the day or stay as part of a tour of Yorkshire. Two thousand years of history are to be found in Aldborough and Boroughbridge. Most people just thunder by on the successor to the Great North Road – the A1 – but we want them to call in and stay a while and enjoy our tranquil surroundings."



From left to right - Some members of Ure Walks Through Time Project Group.

The Ure Walks Through Time project will be launched at 6.30pm on 12 May at Boroughbridge Library. A buffet will be available and the public can view copies of all the interpretation panels. All are welcome.

For further information and how to get involved, please contact HBC Regeneration Team on 01423 556019 regeneration@harrogate.gov.uk

YORE VISION INITIATIVES FUND

The Yore Vision Initiatives fund provides grants of up to £500 per organisation/initiative to projects that improve the quality of life for local residents and communities. The grants are made twice annually in May and November. The deadlines for applications remain the 30th April, 5pm for the May allocation and 31st October, 5pm for the November allocation.

Announcing the previous recipients of the grant, Keith Ramsay, Chair of Yore Vision said, "It is not designed to provide the majority funding for groups or projects but rather to add to the cocktail of finance that many organisations put together to achieve their objectives or to support one-off initiatives. We particularly want to back those ideas that support improving quality of life locally, as that is our own main objective as a partnership. That's why the Christmas Lights Fund in Boroughbridge and Aldborough Village Hall Trust were the first two recipients of funding."

You can download the application form and guidance notes by visiting www.yorevision.org or www.harrogate.gov.uk/harrogate-4205

Please contact the HBC Regeneration Team for further information on 01423 556019 regeneration@harrogate.gov.uk

BOROUGHBRIDGE SUPER PARK

Two play areas are due to be expanded in schemes partly funded by the BIG Lottery. The projects will enable the existing children's play areas at Knaresborough Pool and Boroughbridge Recreation ground to be expanded to provide more exciting play experiences for children and young people. Each project will see over £51,000 of new challenging equipment installed.

Boroughbridge Town Council and Knaresborough Town Council are developing the projects in partnership with Harrogate Borough Council and will be contacting local young people to help design and develop the schemes.



For further information please contact Jenni Harrop at Harrogate Borough Council Jennifer.Harrop@harrogate.gov.uk or 01423 556751

COMMUNITY CHEST FUND – 2ND ROUND OF FUNDING

In September 2007, Harrogate Borough Council set up a "Community Chest" grant scheme to provide small grants to voluntary and community organisations. In December 2007 the full amount of available funding (£30,000) was distributed, but we are now pleased to say that the Council has recently agreed to contribute a further £30,000 to the Community Chest, to be available for grants from April 2008 onwards.

Grants range from £500 to £5000 and applications for this 2nd round of funding are welcome from voluntary organisations, charities and community groups based in and serving the community of the Harrogate District.

You can download the application form and guidance notes by visiting www.harrogate.gov.uk/voluntary. The closing date for the next round of bids is Friday 13 June.

For further information please contact the Corporate Improvement Officer (VCS) on 01423 556706 or voluntary@harrogate.gov.uk

Yore Vision Membership Form

Membership of Yore Vision is open to anyone interested in furthering its work. You can become a member by returning this form.

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