

Yore Vision

- NEWSLETTER -

"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/immediacy-4191

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Dear reader

"Why did you call it **Yore Vision**? What does that mean, in layman's terms? What's it all about? Is it another talking shop?" – such are the questions that people have posed to me and, I'm sure other members of the regeneration partnership for Boroughbridge and the Lower Ure Valley. It is an interesting problem – what title do you give to an organisation so that it sticks in people's minds easily, is also out of the ordinary so as to encourage the questioner to probe deeper into the subject and also, provokes debate? Why did we call it Yore Vision?

If you go into 'Google' on the Internet, you will find lots of references to "Yore" worldwide but, locally, Yore is the ancient name for the valley of the River Ure. Yore Vision was born from the initial successes of the Boroughbridge Town Team and other partnerships in the area, which had done valuable work since 2003 on market town renaissance.



It also, in a sense, crystallises all of the information that residents and visitors had shared with us on how they wanted to see the communities of the Lower Ure Valley develop – Yore Vision is also YOUR Vision. So, now that we have got that out of the way, what is this newsletter all about?

Now nearing the end of our second year as an entity, this newsletter is the first of what I hope will be many that aim to bring members, partners stakeholders and the public up to speed on all that is happening with Yore Vision's plans and initiatives for improving the quality of life for all residents.



Yore Vision members and the public discussing progress on projects at the recent partnership 'Away Day'

From plans for 'new youth provision' to 'partnership Away Days', there's a lot happening for Yore Vision. As someone once said, if it's not in the Yore Vision newsletter, it's not going on!

Seriously, I hope you will enjoy reading about our activities and if you have any feedback – or wish to contribute an article – then the page is yours!

Best wishes

Keith Ramsay - Chair of Yore Vision

P.S. Please contact us if you wish / no longer wish to be directly sent a copy of the newsletter. Copies of the newsletter will be available in public amenities within the Ure Valley and by visiting the main website.

Yore Vision Initiatives Fund



A new fund, designed to support community groups and initiatives in Boroughbridge and the Lower Ure Valley, is being launched by Yore Vision with funding from Harrogate Borough Council (HBC).

The Executive Committee of the partnership has announced plans to award grants of up to £500 per organisation/initiative to projects that improve the quality of life for local residents and communities. These grants will be made twice annually in November and May.

Announcing the plans, 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". Applications for the May 2008 round of funding are welcomed by no later than the 30th April 2008.

For an application form – please contact the HBC Regeneration Team on 01423 556019 regeneration@harrogate.gov.uk

Youth Sub Group

One of the major projects that Yore Vision started last year has been around Youth and the desire to improve the quality of life for future generations of the area.

Yore Vision was one of 4 pilot areas across the region, which launched a web-based approach to finding out young people's views on their area i.e. the "iTown/myTown project, which was started in mid-2006. You can view the young people's work by visiting www.itownmytown.co.uk



As a result of the iTown project, Yore Vision was proud to facilitate the first conference in this area which brought together all key stakeholders and agencies to consider how best to address young people issues. Attendees included; NYCC Youth Service, Connexions, HBC, Local Parish and Town Council's, Chamber of Trade and the High School. Representatives from each have since met and formed a sub-group to address the key issues raised during the conference. The current focus is on:

- The development of a permanent 'youth facility' in the town.
- An event to enable youth providers, including the youth sub group, to further engage and consult with young people.
- A project to allow young people to utilise the recently purchased mobile cinema equipment.

For more information please contact Keith Ramsay, Chair of the Youth Sub Group, Email: kt@jack91.fsnet.co.uk Tel: 07989851744

Interpretation & Signage

The Ure Valley has a great deal to offer in terms of its fascinating heritage, wildlife, history, culture and many interesting walking routes. Yore Vision is working on a project to raise awareness to residents and visitors of the many walks, which are located along and around the River Ure.



A series of 'interpretation panels', 'signage' and accompanying 'leaflets' to encourage visitors, and residents, to learn about and make the most of this beautiful area will be provided.



Various sources of match-funding for the project has already been secured through the hard work of the Parish Councils and Yore Vision members. A successful application to the Yorkshire Forward led Renaissance Market Town - Rural Target Fund (RTF) scheme, has ensured that the amount of funding raised (up to £10,000) can be match funded.

The Regeneration Team at Harrogate Borough Council is overseeing the project development, management and delivery, but the overall project is community-led.

For further details - contact genevieve.parker@harrogate.gov.uk Assistant Economic Development Officer at Harrogate Borough Council Tel: 01423 556079

Improving the Offer

“Improving the economic and physical fabric of both Knaresborough and Boroughbridge”.

This proposed £1 million package of projects across Knaresborough and Boroughbridge is being developed by Renaissance Knaresborough and Yore Vision. Support is provided by Yorkshire Forward, the Chamber of Trades, Town Council's, HBC Officers, and other key stakeholders.

The 'Improving the Offer' package of projects in the town includes:

- **Public realm improvements at St James Square** (see adjacent article for further information)
- **Property improvement grants** for the visual enhancement and restoration to replace poorly designed and tired shop fronts and re-use of vacant town centre buildings. Expressions of interest from businesses are welcome.
- **Development of customer care skills through 'Welcome to Excellence' courses.**
If you would like to know how these courses could benefit you or your employees please contact Rebecca on details below.

It is anticipated that the funding to support this package can be secured from a variety of sources of which Yorkshire Forward will be the main funder through the Renaissance Market Town Programme. Other funders include Harrogate Borough Council and Private Sector contributions, and it is hoped that the package will be up and running in February / March 2008.

For further information about the various elements being developed within this package please contact Rebecca on 01423 556052 or at rebecca.micallef@harrogate.gov.uk

St James Square

St James Square, located in the centre of Boroughbridge, lies within the Boroughbridge Conservation Area and boasts a newly restored Grade II listed Market Well. However, the Square displays elements of neglect and is in much need of a little TLC.

Yore Vision has therefore been embarking on a project to undertake some general upgrading of the Square to maximize the areas potential as a focal point for the town.

Funding for initial remedial works was sourced in 2007 from the Yorkshire Forward Rural Target Fund which supported the installation of new benches, planters and decorative lighting.

The next phase of the scheme, and a much awaited improvement, is the proposed recobbling of the Square.

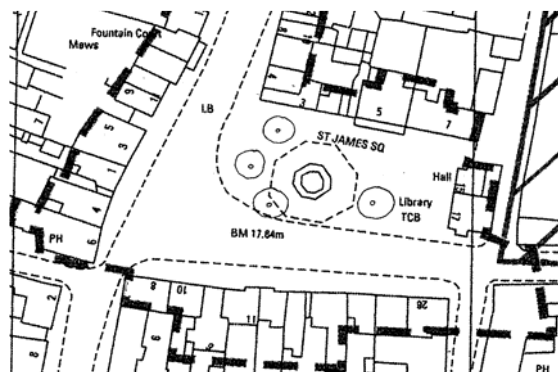
This is now being progressed as part of the 'Improving the Offer' package of projects.

By packaging this project with the other initiatives to boost and enhance the town centre it is hoped that significant funding to enable the work to proceed can be secured

from Yorkshire Forward through their Renaissance Market Town Programme.

Continued consultation with the public will ensure that the local community is fully briefed on plans and able to have their say on the proposals.

For more information on the project at St James Square, please contact Rebecca on 01423 556052 or at rebecca.micallef@harrogate.gov.uk



Aldborough Forum

Yore Vision are currently exploring the potential development of a state-of-the-art, mixed-use facility with a focus on business, heritage and the performing arts.

It is envisaged that the Forum would offer a flexible meeting venue for a range of small and medium sized conferences, business events, informal meetings and community events as well as providing an excellent facility for special occasion events such as weddings, parties and private dinners. It would also provide a venue to host small and mid-scale performing arts events including music, theatre, opera, dance, local festivals, and cinema.

The potential site that has been identified by the Town Team is part of the Aldborough Manor Estate. This inspiring woodland site on the edge of Aldborough Roman town is easily accessible from the A1 and the A59.

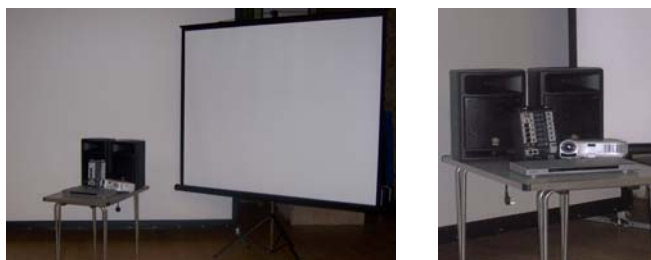
A preliminary feasibility study into the Aldborough Forum has recently been completed by Right Angle Management Ltd – whilst identifying potential options, the study also highlighted a number of risks and recommended that additional research is carried out before a deliverable project proposal can be put forward. Yore Vision are now working to build stakeholder and community support for the project.

If you wish to find out more about the project please contact Andrew Lawson-Tancred, email: andrew@aldborough.com Tel: 01423 322716

Mobile Cinema Project

A combination of poor public transport and long distances to the nearest cinema means that those sectors of the community without ready access to transport often have great difficulty in accessing such a facility that many take for granted. With no end of village Halls across the Ure Valley, Yore Vision saw an opportunity to bring the Cinema to the area i.e. a Mobile Cinema. A number of village Halls, Parish Councils and local groups indicated a keen interest to use the equipment.

Therefore, in May 2006, Yore Vision submitted a grant applicant to the National Lottery 'Awards of All' grant scheme for £3000 towards the purchase of Cinema equipment. The application was approved in October 2006, which allowed Yore Vision to purchase the equipment needed.



The equipment can be loaned out to a variety of local groups / organisations that may wish to use the equipment to show films, training videos, historical archive material, etc.

For example, the equipment has already been used by; Ouseburn Youth Forum and Activity Club for Film screenings, Village Hall for Six Nations Rugby and Parish Council for discussions on planning applications. Training for local community groups on how to use the equipment is also provided.

For more information, please contact Keith Scott, Vice Chair of Yore Vision at keith.scott@btinternet.com Tel: 01423 331235

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. Please note that if you wish to be eligible to vote at the 5th June 2008 Yore Vision AGM, you will need to submit this form by **29th February 2008.**

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