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Advanced Digital Institute and Baker Tilley move to the Waterfront

Baker Tilley, the accountancy firm, has relocated its Bradford and Keighley operations in the new Waterfront building in Shipley. The newly refurbished offices, by the Leeds and Liverpool canal are proving to be a great location for business. The announcement follows Baker Tilley's recent merger with Horwath Clark Whitehill (Yorkshire) which brought together more than 200 staff and 25 partners. In February, the Advanced Digital Institute, one of the Airedale Masterplan's priority projects also moved into the Waterfront from its previous office in the Cottingley Business Park. This move will strengthen the creative and digital cluster of businesses in the area.

Leading office supplies firm moves to Dalton Mills

A leading UK office supplies firm has moved to Keighley's historic Dalton Mills and plans to expand. The Retail Factory has signed a five-year lease on a unit in the mill's Clock Tower and is joining several existing tenants in the Victorian mill building. Magna Holdings, which owns the mill complex, said the company would be creating new jobs in Keighley in telesales and e-commerce. The Retail Factory is a one-stop shop for office supplies for retail, factory or office-based businesses, and has a national client base. A spokesman for Magna Holdings said the company is "a great fit for Dalton Mills – a forward thinking, technology-based company. It's a great indication of how the town is progressing."

Airedale Greenway

The plan to develop a walking and cycling route which connects the three main towns of Keighley, Bingley and Shipley to the Leeds Liverpool Canal Towpath is gathering momentum. New signage and information boards are being developed, together with access improvements along the route and the production of a new information leaflet.

New canopy for Keighley indoor market

Work is well underway to improve the main entrance to Keighley Market Hall. A new large glazed canopy extension is currently under construction in front of the current entrance in Low Street. This scheme is part of the refurbishment programme for Keighley Market which has seen work to the roof and internal improvements to entrances, lighting and ventilation. A local contractor is carrying out the work for Bradford Council and the work is expected to finish by early May 2009. The new glazed canopy will provide trading space for new 'start up'

traders as well as exhibition and cafe space inside and out for shoppers to enjoy all year round. Councillor Adrian Naylor, the Council's Executive Member for Regeneration, said: "We have been committed to improving the market hall in Keighley and supporting our local traders and this new entrance is part of our ongoing modernisation plans."

Feasibility study for Keighley College building

Work has started on identifying new uses for the Keighley College site on Cavendish St after it becomes vacant in October 2010. Building Design Partnership (BDP) have been appointed by the Airedale Partnership to produce a feasibility study advising on the future use of the site. The redevelopment of the site was identified as one of the five priority projects of the Airedale Masterplan; it outlined that the site should be a new mixed use development with hotel, conference, leisure and restaurant facilities at its core. BDP will provide advice and make recommendations on the redevelopment of the site, so that it can contribute to the regeneration of the town and bring benefit for both residents and visitors to the town. The feasibility study will include thorough consultation including a public consultation event and is expected to be completed by the summer of this year.

British Waterways Destination Plan and Heritage Bid

Ambitious plans have been revealed by British Waterways to turn part of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal into a major heritage attraction. British Waterways has applied for grants totalling £300,000 to kick-start the Bingley, Saltaire and Shipley Destination Delivery Plan, which will aim to celebrate the huge importance of the canal during the Industrial Revolution. Approximately £250,000 would be spent on renovating Bingley's Three Rise lock cottage, a building that existed by the waterway from 1850 until the late 1950s. The cottage would operate as a heritage and interpretation centre to explain the crucial role the canal played in the region's rich history and be the start of a heritage trail along the canal towpath.

Under the proposed three year plan, a waterbus which ran along the canal until 2001 may also be reinstated and another heritage centre could be built in Shipley. Additional moorings in Saltaire, Shipley and above Five Rise Locks are being considered to encourage more boat users to stay overnight.

Developers pledge over Bingley shopping centre

Urban, the developers behind the 5Rise shopping centre in Bingley have pledged to complete the job on schedule. The centre is scheduled to be finished by September. Half of the decaying Myrtle Walk precinct in Bingley has been demolished and the steel work for its £5 million replacement is now complete. The developer held a 'topping out' ceremony in mid-April which marked the completion of the steelwork frame. Councillor David Heseltine (Con, Bingley) said: "it's great that this development is going ahead and is hopefully going to help the regeneration of the town and complement the market square the council put in." Confirmed tenants include Co-Operative Foods, Clinton Cards, Boots, Superdrug, Nat West, Timpson, Betfred and Max

New signage for Shipley Town Centre

Following last years extensive de-cluttering of signage in Shipley town centre and public realm improvements, brand new coordinated, directional and information signs have now been installed in the town and all along the key gateways. This now gives Shipley Town Centre a clear identity along with those of Bingley and Keighley.

Rural Regeneration Takes Off

Communities in the South Pennines can get help for village improvements, local services, and cultural and heritage projects from a £2.4m package of grants which has just been approved under the LEADER programme. The programme, which includes the rural areas surrounding Airedale, will run for six years until 2013 and is being managed by Pennine Prospects. Help in preparing bids for the fund is available from Bradford Council, Shipley and Bingley Voluntary Services and Keighley Voluntary Services. See www.pennineprospects.co.uk for more details.

For those with a business in a rural area support is available for various sources. Yorkshire Forward is managing the following funds:

The [Rural Enterprise Investment Programme \(REIP\)](#), a package of support for rural businesses wanting to start up or expand, and which need to access over £25,000 of public funding to take their businesses forward. In addition, the [Farm Resource Efficiency Programme \(FREP\)](#) aims to help farmers invest in technology, which will benefit their profitability as well as the environment.

Further details can be obtained by emailing: Louise.Hardcastle@Yorkshire-Forward.com. Other support measures for rural businesses include The [Rural Business Start-Up Programme](#) which is being managed [Business Link Yorkshire](#). They are also working with Growing Routes to help start-up business in agricultural sectors to access Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) funding.

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