



The Partnership, led by the private sector and with the full backing of Bradford Council and Yorkshire Forward, is a regeneration initiative supporting the growth and renaissance of the local economy.

Welcome to the Spring 2010 edition of the e-bulletin

Further boost for Shipley town centre



Shipley has been boosted by the news that national retailer, Store Twenty One is moving into the empty former Woolworths building in Shipley, with a view to opening its doors in May. The retailer, which is now recruiting fills the building in Market Place, left vacant in January last year, when Woolworths closed down. Shipley town centre manager Yvonne Crossley said: "It is absolutely brilliant news for us and everybody is buzzing about it. We think this will really benefit the town." A

spokesman for Store Twenty One said: "The new store will not only bring affordable fashion and homeware to Shipley, but also exciting job prospects."

The latest news is one of several positive developments which have taken place in Shipley recently. Earlier this year Shipley clock was repaired and is now illuminated after being out of action for four years due to problems accessing the tower. Last year, work was also carried out to improve Shipley Market Square . Both these projects were funded by Bradford Kickstart.

Watershed landscapes Lottery success to benefit Airedale



The Rombalds Moor, together with other parts of the district is to benefit from just under £1.9 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to bring the story of the Watershed Landscape to life. The South Pennines Watershed Landscape is the upland area where rainwater is divided Lancashire from Yorkshire; North Sea from Irish Sea ; east from west. The project will support landscape restoration, access and heritage projects in the area. Led by Pennine Prospects, the regeneration body set up to

support the regeneration of the South Pennines , the scheme will include work on mapping and interpreting the "cup and ring" stones on Rombalds Moor. The project will also research the history of coal on Baildon Moor, where recorded mining dates from 1387. Archaeology and geology workshops are planned with residents and schools based at local venues including Bracken Hall Countryside Centre .

The project, funded by a partnership between the Heritage Lottery and councils, including

Bradford, was officially launched at Cliffe Castle Museum , Keighley on Saturday 27 th March.

Pam Warhurst, Chair of Pennine Prospects said: “this is great news for the South Pennines; alongside our successful South Pennines LEADER programme, Pennine Prospects, working with its partners, has secured over £4.5 million for heritage, environmental and access projects in the area.” Working to improve rural parts of Airedale is a key part of the Airedale Partnership's work. For project details visit: www.pennineprospects.co.uk/watershed-landscape

Super-fast broadband coming to Haworth

Haworth has been named as amongst the second wave of towns which will benefit from BT's plans for super-fast broadband, with speeds of up to 40Mbps/sec. This follows on from the first round of upgrades which included Shipley and Baildon, which benefitted over 12,000 premises. Work on the second phase of the roll-out is scheduled to begin in September and run into September 2011. The new announcement will benefit a further 119,000 homes and businesses in Yorkshire .

The upgrade is part of BT's long term programme to make super-fast broadband available to 40 percent of the UK – or some 10 million homes by 2012. This project is a key component of the Connected and Creative Corridor of the Airedale Masterplan.

Funding secured to deliver first phase of Connecting Airedale Bid



Transport Improvements in and around Shipley and Saltaire are objectives within the Airedale Masterplan. Saltaire roundabout has been the focus of attention and consultation is now underway on options to alter the roundabout. The options have been developed following discussion with the local community and now proposals are being considered more widely. The cost would vary depending on the final nature of the scheme's design and approximately £3 million has been identified to carry out works. The proposal that has been put forward for wider public consultation can be viewed on the [council website](#).

For further information on the scheme contact Fiona Limb , Senior Transport Planner at Bradford Council on fiona.limb@bradford.gov.uk . Transport improvements in and around Shipley and Saltaire roundabout are key objectives of the Airedale Masterplan.

Airedale businesses making their mark



Several Airedale businesses have been leaving their mark by winning awards and making the most of district-wide opportunities. Shipley-based Radio Design Ltd has been awarded the Young Innovative Business Award at the Yorkshire Forward Innovator/10 awards which were held on the 3rd March. The award is aimed at businesses that have shown creativity and entrepreneurial flair in the launch and early growth stages of their company. The

company has devised a way to allow up to three cellular base stations from two UK-based mobile phone system phone operators to share the same antenna system, which means site rental and equipment cost savings for companies .

Meanwhile, the role played by Pace plc and its Chief Executive Neil Gaydon has been recognised in bringing the City of Film accolade to Bradford . As well as being a member of the steering group to drive the project forward, Pace was also able to provide free help with the campaign's branding and marketing.

The Early Music Centre, based in Saltaire, produced a set of 12th century instruments for *Kingdom Of Heaven* , starring Orlando Bloom, and more recently supplied lutes and other instruments for *The Other Boleyn Girl* . Airedale can continue to benefit from links with the film world, exploiting these links through the City of Film brand. The Airedale Masterplan recognises the role played by innovative and creative industries.

Special Feature:

Business Forums:


The Airedale Masterplan highlighted the areas around Dalton Lane in Keighley and Dockfield Rd in Shipley as key employment and business locations in Airedale. It also pointed out that interventions should be taken to support new and established businesses in these places, where there have traditionally been a high concentration of manufacturing industries and an increasing number of creative and service-orientated businesses.

The business forums, which are held every 6 months are an opportunity for businesses located in and around these areas to find out what is what is happening in the area and be involved in the debate about potential regeneration work being undertaken. There are normally 3-4 speakers and a chance for questions and answers and networking. The forthcoming forums are:

Thursday 22nd April : Dockfield Rd Business Forum at Baker Tilly, Waterfront Building , Saltaire

Wednesday 28th April : Dalton Lane Business forum at Dalton Mills, Dalton Lane , Keighley

For further details on the businesses forums, or if you are a local business and would like to attend, contact Kulbir Sandhu on kulbir.sandhu@bradford.gov.uk or telephone 01535 618095. These forums are held over lunchtime.



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