



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.

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Delivering the Masterplan

It has been an eventful three months since the last e-bulletin was produced with many changes taking place around Airedale and a rapidly changing national and global economic environment. Despite the disappointing news that the developers behind Bingley Technology Park were unable to proceed because of the 'credit crunch', positive progress is being made elsewhere in Airedale with, for example, the new College Campus in Keighley taking shape and work beginning on the 5Rise shopping development in Bingley. The quarter has also seen project openings and events celebrating and sharing knowledge about the Airedale Corridor initiatives.

Keighley's New Skyline Takes Shape

Visible evidence of change can be seen on the skyline of Keighley. June saw the steel work begin to go up for Park Lane College Keighley's new £35m campus on Dalton Lane. The new building will feature a glazed central street, state-of-the-art training facilities, its own car park with 170 spaces, 65 of them reserved for people using the station. Due to be complete ready for new students in 2010, it will provide local people with the skills and training needed to take advantage of the new job opportunities in the Valley. Across the road from the College campus, preparation works are also continuing on the new Asda superstore in Keighley. Scheduled to open in 2009, this £20 million pound development will create 370 full and part-time jobs in the town.

Boost for Keighley Retailers

The retail economy of Keighley was further strengthened by the official opening of The Store, on Cavendish Street. The traders are entrepreneurs taking their first steps in the world of selling and operating from The Store will offer them an opportunity to develop their business skills while test-marketing their particular type of goods. The Store offers a diverse range of items for sale and during their time in The Store the fledgling businesses will receive specialist advice from Bradford Kickstart and Park Lane College Keighley. The Academy, a sister project to The Store is scheduled to open at the end of October. It will offer a wide range of training to existing traders, would be business people and people looking for jobs in shops. Both projects have been developed following close working between Park Lane College Keighley and the Keighley Town Centre Association, whose 160-plus members include popular local shops.

5 Rise Bingley start

Work has begun on the 5Rise development in Bingley. When complete in September 2009, the development will provide over 64,000 sq ft of retail space, a brand new library and 8 apartments. The Co-operative is retained as the largest retailer on the scheme and other retailers who have committed to the scheme include Boots, Greggs, Timpsons and Superdrug. It is understood a major fashion retailer is also in the pipeline. The Co-operative have provided a temporary store on Main Street while work is underway and a free bus service will operate for customers between Bingley and its larger store in Baildon.

Businesses respond to the Environmental Challenge

Over 20 businesses in the Dalton Lane area of Keighley are now members of a Green Business Programme. The programme, run by Groundwork and funded by Bradford Kickstart, is designed to help businesses strengthen their performance through environmental improvement and offers a range of services to suit business needs. The Dalton Lane area was identified as a key regeneration area as part of the Airedale Masterplan and the programme has developed from ideas put forward by businesses attending the Partnership's Dalton Lane Business Forum.

ADI Continues to Grow

One of the priority projects of the Masterplan, the Advanced Digital Institute (ADI) continues to support local businesses grow through the commercialisation of new products and technology. Following on from its successful funding bid to the Government's Technology Strategy Board ALIP (Assisted Living Innovation Platform) programme, the ADI has won a new contract from Filtronic Defence, part of Filtronic plc. The new contract will see ADI's Embedded Systems team working closely with Filtronic Defence throughout the research and development programme. In August, the ADI also announced it had taken on two new members of staff to complement the existing team and expand the support available to businesses.

Rural Event is Success

The Partnership's second rural event held at the Bees Sports Club, Bingley was a great success and was enjoyed by all. It provided an opportunity for local groups and organisations to hear from Natural England on the importance of the green infrastructure to our work in Airedale. The Airedale Partnership was able to give an update on progress in developing the Airedale Greenway, a cycling and walking route, which will connect the three main towns of Airedale to the Leeds-Liverpool Canal towpath. Also, British Waterways were able to give an update on their work to improve the quality of the canal between Shipley and Bingley 5 rise locks as a visitor destination. The event also gave people the opportunity to contribute to developing a river stewardship programme and Access to Nature bid. Importantly for those attending there was the opportunity to network, renew contacts and make links between different activities in Airedale.

Silsden Connection Opening

Monday 22nd September saw the official opening of the newly refurbished rooms in Silsden Town Hall. The rooms have been refurbished to offer broadband connection, telephone points as well as new flexible space with tables and chairs for meetings, presentations and workshops. The opening of Silsden Town Hall is part of the Airedale Connection project, which the Airedale Partnership has been leading on. It aims to establish local 'hubs' for the delivery of services to people in the more rural parts of Bradford District, with the other hubs being Denholme Youth Café and the newly emerging Haworth Library.

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