



## Airedale Partnership - E-Bulletin

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 Autumn 2009 edition of the e-bulletin

#### Lord Mandelson opens ADI



Business Secretary Lord Mandelson officially opened the new base for the Advanced Digital Institute (ADI) on the 17th July at the Waterfront building in Saltaire. After being invited by the Airedale Partnership and Yorkshire Forward, he said: "the ADI is a powerful investment in Britain's future, fostering innovation at a time when it's tempting to cut back on research and development spending." Linda Pollard, deputy chairman of Yorkshire Forward, which helped fund the ADI, said the decision to market Airedale as

the region's creative corridor had been a masterstroke. The ADI is a commercial research and design facility which supports the advanced manufacturing and digital sector, and reinforces Airedale as a key location for the digital cluster. The ADI is a priority project of the Airedale Masterplan.

#### Airedale Greenway is launched

The Airedale Greenway was successfully launched on the 14th September. The Greenway is a walking and cycling route designed to connect the three main towns of Keighley, Bingley and Shipley to the Leeds and Liverpool Canal towpath. A crowd of walkers and cyclists, including youngsters on a Bikeability course, were among the first to use it. The Chair of the Airedale Partnership Councillor Adrian Naylor said "I think it's a major milestone in terms of helping people to get to work without having to use a car. It's good to give people the advantage of seeing nice scenery and getting fit at the same time. The route is an important part of the connectivity strand of the Airedale Masterplan and was developed by the Airedale Partnership in partnership with Bradford Council, British Waterways and Sustrans. The Greenway is a key project of the Connected Corridor.



#### Superfast broadband coming to Shipley!



Over 12,000 homes and businesses in the Shipley area will benefit from BT's plans for super-fast broadband. The other exchanges in Yorkshire and Humber will be at Headingley, Low Moor, Castleford, Pontefract and Armley. The total number of homes and businesses in Yorkshire & Humber to benefit will be 80,000. This announcement will take the number of super-fast lines in the region to more than 125,000. The plan is the first chapter in BT's longer-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 part of the Connected and Creative Corridor of the Airedale Masterplan.

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### **Shipley clock is chiming once again!**

The clock is now right on time and chiming again, after being out of action for four years due to problems accessing the tower. Due to the length of time it had been out of use many of the parts needed to be replaced. This was an intricate process as each part for the clock and the little metal striker had to be re-made by hand, by the Council's clock manager Nathan Darlington. The clock tower is now professionally lit during the evening. Bradford Kickstart funded the project, along with earlier work to improve Shipley Market Square.



### **Work begins on Central Hall site**



Work has started on turning Keighley's Central Hall into a community centre, as part of a £1.74 million redevelopment. The aim is to create a centre for voluntary and community groups that will bring together people from all over Keighley. There will be a large multi-purpose hall, a training room, meeting and consultation rooms, exhibition space and a community café with Internet access. The building will also provide affordable offices for enterprise and a base for voluntary organisations including Keighley Voluntary Services and the Citizens' Advice Bureau. The scheme is being funded by a £1 million grant through the Government's Community Assets Fund and a further £650,000 from Bradford Council.

This project and the North St Mixed Use Development to re-use / redevelop the former Keighley College buildings on Cavendish St are key components of regenerating the centre of the town. A development brief is being produced to take the former Keighley College building to the market.

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### **Keighley success in business awards**

Keighley swept the board at a recent business awards ceremony which took place on the 23rd September at the Alhambra Studios, Bradford. Airedale Enterprise Services Business

Adviser Rav Panesar was awarded "Best Business Adviser." One of Keighley's new Test Traders in the market canopy Fluffy Auto Boutique was awarded "Most Exciting Business Idea." The award was for the member who has really set the Bradford business scene alight this year. The business is receiving on going help and advice from the Kickstart team in Keighley. The Bizzfizz programme, which has business coaches working on the ground in Keighley, Shipley and rural areas has assisted 400 people to date.

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**Special Feature:**  
**5Rise development reaches practical completion**



Costing £5 million to develop, the completed 5Rise development in the centre of Bingley now offers approximately 60,000 sq ft of new and refurbished retail space across 18 individual shop units. 4Urban began redevelopment in September 2008 to create this much needed development in the centre of Bingley. To date nine retailers have made an advanced commitment to 5Rise, including Co-operative Food, Boots,

Natwest, Greggs, Superdrug, Timpsons, Klick, and Betfred. Additional occupiers will be announced shortly.

The completed development provides much more open pedestrian space with direct access to shops. The existing steps from the high street, that were considered confrontational and uninviting, have been demolished. An escalator and lift connects the lower level on Chapel Lane where the car park and new library are located. Attractive cladding and extensive glazing contribute to make 5Rise a much more attractive destination and high street landmark for the town centre. The library has also been relocated to a new modern facility within the development. The redevelopment of the Myrtle Walk centre is a key component of the Bingley town centre plan.

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