



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 Summer 2010 edition of The Airedale Partnership e-bulletin

Partnership welcomes new Chair

Following the local elections in May, Cllr David Green has replaced Cllr Adrian Naylor as Chair of the Airedale Partnership Board. He also becomes Portfolio holder for Regeneration and Economy on the Council's Executive.

Cllr Green has been a Councillor for nearly 20 years and has held several key positions on Bradford Council relating to economic development and regeneration.



Public have their say on options for Buck Lane site



A series of public exhibitions have taken place describing proposals for the Buck Lane site on Otley Rd in Baildon. The exhibition took place from the 6th - 8th July and the feedback received will inform the forthcoming planning application for the site.

It is proposed that the 14 acre site should be used to create a high-tech science and technology-based business park. The new development aims to help stimulate new enterprise activity, help consolidate and grow existing businesses and create job opportunities. The development will expand the number of high tech and digital companies already established in the area, such as ADI, Pace and Filtronic.

Cllr David Green, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Economy and Chair of the Airedale Partnership said: "If it goes ahead it will be a welcome boost to an area of the district that has suffered job losses as a result of the recession." The site is owned by Bradford Council.

Super-fast broadband soon to be live in Shipley & Baildon

The roll out of super-fast, fibre-based broadband in Shipley and Baildon will be completed by late summer, as BT engineers complete the local upgrades over the next few weeks.



Over 12,000 Airedale homes and businesses will benefit from BT's plans. The total number of homes and businesses in Yorkshire & Humber to benefit as part of the first phase of the rollout will be 80,000. Haworth has been named as amongst the second wave of towns to benefit from super-fast broadband and roll out of this will start later on this year.

Super-fast broadband offers download speeds of up to 40Mb/s, potentially rising to 60Mb/s in the future, and upload capability of up to 10Mb/s. Even faster speeds are possible if the fibre goes direct to the home or premises. The super-fast speeds will power new business applications and more sophisticated home and entertainment services and allow users to run multiple bandwidth-hungry applications at the same time. For example, some members of a family could be watching different high definition (HD) movies or 3D TV, while others play online games or work on complex graphics or video projects.

This project is a key part of the Connected and Creative Corridor of the Airedale Masterplan.



SURF project and supporting rural businesses

Staff from the Airedale Partnership are currently working with European project partners on the Sustainable Urban Fringes (SURF) project. Over the next three years SURF will bring together 15 partners and experts from the North Sea Region to exchange information and develop a common approach towards urban fringe development. The urban fringe is commonly referred as the 'outskirts' of a town or city and is predominantly open land on the edge of a settlement.

Partner countries include Scotland , England , Sweden , Germany , the Netherlands and Belgium . For further information on the project visit: www.sustainablefringes.eu

The aim of the project in the Worth Valley is to 'engage different communities in the urban fringe so that they understand and develop their contribution to the competitiveness of the Leeds City Region through local action.' For further information contact Robert Brough on 01535 618095 or email Robert.brough@bradford.gov.uk

The Airedale Partnership also held a workshop to involve local businesses in opportunities provided by the SURF project at the Whoyano Worth Valley Enterprise Event held on 29 th June at Oxenhope Station. The event was an opportunity for Worth Valley businesses to network and meet other like minded individuals whilst learning about the support available to them from a range of organisations. Feedback from the event has been very positive. For further information on the Whoyano enterprise events contact Kath Thornton

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Regeneration Summit comes to Keighley

The latest Regeneration Summit, organised through Bradford Council's Prosperity and Regeneration Partnership, was held at Leeds City College in Keighley, on Thursday 15 July. The Summit focused on the issue of transport and connectivity.

The Summit also looked at setting district transport priorities in the context of the recently published Leeds City Region transport vision to provide an input into the Local Transport Plan. Vanessa Gilbert, Divisional Director at the Highways Agency was the keynote speaker at the summit.

The Regeneration Summits are organised by Bradford Council with key organisations from the private, public and voluntary sectors to support the economy of the district.

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Empty Shipley shop transformed into photographic gallery



A new temporary photographic gallery has opened in Shipley town centre to make creative use of empty shops that have stood empty as a result of the recession.

Shipley Focus'd which was opened by the Lord Mayor of Bradford , Cllr Peter Hill on 24 th June will occupy the former Gift Tree shop on the corner of Market Square and Wellcroft and will present a new exhibition every six weeks. The first is a collection of work by Bradford photographer C H Wood, with images from the Bradford Museums archive. The project was set up by Shipley-based Q20 theatre in collaboration with Shipley Town Centre Management and the Airedale Partnership. The gallery opens from 10am – 4pm on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. In its first week, the gallery attracted over 1000 visitors.

The project is funded for 12 months by a government grant and the Arts Council's 'Arts for Empty Spaces' grant.

Waterfront building welcomes new tenants

The Waterfront building in Saltaire has welcomed additional tenants in recent months. The latest tenant to take a lease on a section of the former Filtronic headquarters is Switch2 Energy Solutions Ltd, which has taken a ten year lease on 7,000 sq ft of ground floor space. Combined with the recent lettings to Advisor Plus and Red Embedded, nearly 70% of the building has now been let.

Switch 2 is one of the UK's leading suppliers of bespoke metering and billing technologies and services for multi-tenancy buildings. It enables residential and business customers to precisely monitor and control their water and energy consumption and pay only for what they use.



James Poskitt of GMI developments said: "The refurbishment of the Waterfront has provided Shipley and Bradford occupiers with Grade A office accommodation in a tranquil setting. Our success at the Waterfront is testament to the quality of product and the excellent rail links to Leeds and Bradford." These companies will strengthen the creative and digital cluster of businesses in the area.



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