



## 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

### Bingley 5Rise centre opens



The £5 million 5Rise complex in Bingley was officially opened by chief executive of the Co-operative Group Peter Marks and local Councillor Robin Owens on 3rd December. The ceremony was attended by business and Council leaders, including the Managing Director of developer 4Urban. The shopping centre includes a new library and branches of Superdrug, Boots, NatWest, Greggs, Timpsons, Klick, Betfred and a 11,500 sqft Co-operative food shop. Home

Bargains also opened in time for Christmas.

Mr Marks, who lives in Bingley, said: "I am amazed by what's been achieved here and it's testament to the skill of the whole team. "It is what Bingley needs – it has been bereft of shopping facilities for a long time and now it has that. It is right in the town centre and that, for me, is really important." Councillor Adrian Naylor, the Council's executive member for regeneration and the economy, said: "This is a testament to people who are passionate about the district and that is something that needs to be emphasised. The library is a superb facility." The redevelopment of the Myrtle Walk centre is a key component of the Bingley town centre plan.

### College campus begins fit out

Work on the new Keighley Campus of Leeds City College is right on schedule; builders will be fitting out the campus and working on interior design until March this year, to ensure it is fit for purpose for the various curriculum areas being taught from September. Alongside this, work is taking place to install state-of-the-art IT suites.

Subsequently, the building will be equipped with fixtures and fittings, starting with the upper ground floor, to enable the building to be used for marketing and promotional events including a range of open days from April onwards. In July, staff from the Cavendish Street and Chesham Street sites will start to migrate to the new location. In September 2010, the Keighley Campus will open to its first intake of students. For more information, visit [www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk](http://www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk)

Round 2 bid being prepared by Townscape Heritage team

Following the success of the round 1 bid, Bradford Council's Design and Conservation Team is now working for a Round 2 Bid submission, due in May 2010. This will lever £2 Million Heritage Lottery Funding into Keighley Town Centre Conservation Area. At the moment, the team is working with property owners about building restoration as well as progressing internal consultations on public realm enhancements.



The funding will focus on transforming historic areas with social and economic needs. The funds will be used to restore Victorian and Edwardian buildings in Church Street, High Street and North Street — including the Arcade Chambers which date back to 1898.

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Follow Central Hall redevelopment online



Progress on the Central Hall redevelopment in Keighley is being captured on a new website which details how work is progressing on a month-by-month basis. Working in conjunction with the Asset Transfer Unit, Keighley Voluntary Service are filming the entire process. The first four short films (approx 2 minutes each) are now available to view as YouTube videos at:

[www.buildingcommunity.org.uk/keighley-central-hall/](http://www.buildingcommunity.org.uk/keighley-central-hall/)

They feature footage of the building prior to work commencing, and interviews with people who have memories of using the building.

The scheme is expected to be completed by late next summer and is being funded by a £1 million grant through the Government's Community Assets Fund and a further £150,000 from Bradford Kickstart and £450,000 from the European Regional Development Fund. KVS will contribute £142,000. This scheme forms a key component in regenerating Keighley town centre.

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Silsden housing development on funding shortlist

A housing development to build 229 houses off Thornhill Rd, Silsden could be one of three housing projects in the district which could benefit from Homes and Communities (HCA) Kickstart funding designed to kickstart stalled housing developments. If successful, Skipton Properties could be given £1.25 million to finish the scheme by March 2012. Building affordable homes and employing local workers and apprentices are key features of this funding.

Further information about the HCA kickstart funding can be found at:

[www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/kickstart\\_housing](http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/kickstart_housing)

The scheme was passed in early October 2009 by Keighley Area Planning Panel. In addition, a campaign to save a rare Second World War pillbox on the site has won it official protection. The two-storey brick structure – said to be one of only four in the UK – has now been designated a Grade Two listed building by English Heritage together with two other pillboxes on the site.

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Special Feature:

Bizzfizz helping rural business

Bizzfizz has started working in rural parts of Airedale to help aspiring entrepreneurs go it alone. Bizzfizz is a grass-roots community based enterprise development project which encourages people to think about enterprise as an option and gives them the confidence to get their business idea off the ground. Three business coaches are working on the ground in Airedale covering Shipley, Keighley and rural areas. There have been many local examples of the Bizzfizz model working in rural parts.



One such example is Brame Drylining, which was set up by Gary Brame, a plasterer from Cullingworth. Gary worked for big companies as a sub-contractor, but with the recession he found himself without work. The new Bradford Rural Bizzfizz post meant that a coach could meet him in his local community to talk through the ideas he had for going it alone. The coach helped Gary work out his first steps, to draft and put together a business pack to send out to professional organisations, and also referred Gary to a new project being run by Accent Housing to help companies tender for work. Gary is now self employed and looking to develop his business. The Bizzfizz coach for Bradford Rural, covering Haworth, Oxenhope, Denholme, Steeton and Silsden is Candy Squire-Watt, and she can be contacted on 07507 889391. Supporting rural businesses is a key feature of the Airedale Masterplan.

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