



Your Community Forum

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Message from the Bedale and Villages Community Plan Forum

This short guide has been produced to let everyone know about the Bedale and Villages Community Plan Forum and how you can get involved.

We are a group of people from Bedale and the surrounding area. The group has representation from the Public, Private, Voluntary and Community sector

We meet to plan, deliver and influence proposals that will help improve the quality of life for people in our area

We are well supported by the local authority to help make projects happen for Parish Councils, clubs and voluntary groups

You can be involved by becoming a member and taking an active role in helping to shape and deliver priorities

To find out more visit www.communityhambleton.org and follow the Bedale links telephone 01609 767212 or email communityplanning@hambleton.gov.uk

Mike Barningham
Chair



Achievements so far...

Bedale Station

Through publishing the Bedale and Villages Community plan and identifying the potential of developing this site, Hambleton District Council, Yorkshire Forward and the Wensleydale Railway Company have invested in the site to re-open the station and create employment through creating craft workshops www.hambleton.gov.uk



Tourist Information office and promotional material

Since the Forum was established 2 promotional leaflets for Bedale have been produced. The Forum was also instrumental in obtaining membership to the Joint Dales Marketing Initiative for Bedale. Following Hambleton District Council's decision to no longer manage the Tourist Information Office in Bedale, the Forum in partnership with Bedale Chamber of Trade and Tourism established a charitable organisation to run the office independently www.visit-bedale.co.uk



Ginnel improvement

The Forum has successfully fundraised to improve the ginnel between 29 and 31 Market Place. The Community Plan identified this walkway as unsafe with poor access. The ginnel has now been re-surfaced and new lighting has been installed

Bedale Bugle

Development of the Bedale Renaissance Market Town Masterplan highlighted the need to improve communication within Bedale and the surrounding villages and to create different avenues to promote local businesses. A small editorial group came together to develop a publication called the

Bedale Bugle – this is a community newsletter that provides information from a range of organisations from Town and Parish Councils to voluntary groups and businesses

Events

The Forum, in partnership with other local groups (Scouts and Guides, Chamber of Trade and Tourism and Town Council) recognised the value events make to the vitality of market towns and has invested in organising a summer and Christmas event each year since 2004. The events are to provide entertainment and fun for the community as well as improving Bedale's reputation as a visitor destination



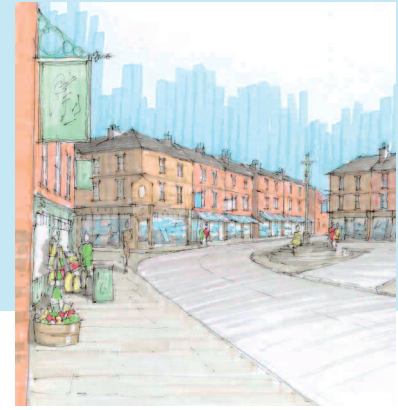
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Other projects supported by the Forum: Bedale Junior Football Club development; Bedale Skatepark; Reels on Wheels Community Cinema; installation of mobile CCTV at Bedale Hall.

This leaflet is also available in other formats – Tel 01609 767212

Key Milestones

- ✓ **2001** - Bedale and Villages Community Plan Forum established
- ✓ **2002** - Bedale and Villages Community Plan published
- ✓ **2004** - Bedale Renaissance Market Town Masterplan produced



What's next...

Bedale and Villages Community Action Plan 2007-2009

PROJECT AND DESCRIPTION	LEAD	WHEN
Promotional material To produce a revised promotional leaflet for Bedale as well as developing a Visit Bedale website	Bedale & Village Community Plan Forum	2007
CCTV Installation of 3 cameras to monitor activity around the High Street in Bedale	Hambleton District Council	2007
Signage improvements To consider gateway and directional signage around Bedale town centre	Bedale Town Council	2007
Scruton and Crakehall Village Halls To undertake physical improvements to each Hall to meet the needs of the community	Village Hall Management Committees	2007
A facility for young people To find out the needs of young people and deliver a scheme that addresses these	Bedale & Villages Community Plan Forum	2007/2008
Bedale Scouts and Guides To build a new headquarters to replace their existing building	Bedale Scouts and Guides	2007/2009
Bedale Renaissance Park To create a new park adjacent to Bedale Station developing a high quality asset for the town	Bedale & Villages Community Plan Forum	2007/2009
Bridge Street Development Redevelopment of existing buildings to improve the approach to the town centre and boost the local economy	Bedale & Villages Community Plan Forum	2007/2009

Other useful information

Our Area

- Thirsk Area
- Bedale Area
- Easingwold Area
- Northallerton Area
- Stokesley Area

Our Membership

- Aiskew Parish Council
- Bedale Chamber of Trade and Tourism
- Bedale Town Council
- Carthorpe Parish Council
- Community members
- Hambleton District Council
- North Yorkshire County Council
- Northallerton and District Voluntary Services Association
- St Gregory's Church
- Wensleydale Railway Company