

## Update April 2010

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**Welcome to the 17<sup>th</sup> Hambleton Strategic Partnership (HSP) update.**  
**This update is produced quarterly to tie in with our Executive Group and Board meetings.**

**The purpose of the update is to keep partners informed of the work being undertaken by the different elements of the Partnership and provide information in a format that can be used by partners within their own groups and organisations**

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### **Bedale and Villages Community Forum**

#### **Community Interest Focus Group**

At a meeting of the Group, held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm at Bedale Hall, members considered the future and management of Village Halls across the Bedale area and how village hall committees can work together to share resources, knowledge and expertise. Issues for consideration include public liability, insurance, fuels costs, training for members of village hall committees, maintenance and funding opportunities.

#### **Bedale Relief Road**

A planning application has been submitted for the scheme and subject to the funding being made available by the government for the scheme construction will commence in 2012 following the opening of the A1 (M) Dishforth to Leeming scheme. The Group has identified the creation of a 'Gateway Car Park' as a key priority to safeguard the economic viability of the town.

#### **Support for Local Projects**

The Group has agreed to provide funding for improvements to West Tanfield Village Hall including the replacement of a double-skinned oil tank boundary wall repairs and improvements to kitchen facilities in the Hall.



### **Easingwold and Villages Forum**

#### **Tollerton Parish Plan**

To date 23 Parish/Community Plans have been written across Hambleton, the most recent of which is the Tollerton Community Plan (2010-14) published in February 2010. Priorities for the community include traffic (in particular pedestrian safety), road maintenance, refuse collection, concerns over inadequate policing and the need for an increased range of activities for teenagers.

#### **Diversionsary Activities**

A multi-agency partnership has been established to co-ordinate diversionary activities for young people aged between 11-16. Partners include the Police, Broadacres, local schools and the Hambleton Community Safety Partnership.

#### **Aine Allotments**

A proposal to develop an allotment in the Parish of Aine has been endorsed by the Easingwold & Villages Forum and has been added to the Hambleton Community Plan. Suitable land for such an allotment is being sought and a constitution for the management group is being drafted.



### **Northallerton and Villages Community Forum**

**Climate Change & Transition Towns**

The Group is promoting practical solutions to improve the quality of life for people in the area through the development of a sustainable, low-carbon lifestyle and economy. The Group is working to promote the Landshare Scheme and develop stronger links between local schools and older people.

### **Shopmobility Scheme**

The scheme started on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010 and operates from the new Abbey Health premises which have recently opened in the Central Arcade. Funding has been secured to purchase 5 electric scooters. Scooters and wheelchairs will be available for hire for whole or half days.

### **The Base Project**

Refurbishment work is now complete and the venue on Romanby Road was officially opened on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> March. NYCC have taken over the lease of the premises and partner organisations supporting young people between the ages of 13-19 are delivering services from the facility. The centre is fully staffed and is open on Mondays (5.30pm-7.30pm), Thursdays (6.30pm-8.30pm) and once a month on Saturdays.

### **Danby Wiske Parish Plan**

Hambleton District Council has provided support to develop a Parish Plan in Danby Wiske. The responses to the questionnaire are being collated and it is anticipated that the Plan will be launched in August 2010.

### **Notice Boards**

NVCF has agreed to 'adopt' the notice board outside Northallerton Railway Station to display NVCF literature and other promotional material including details of the Shopmobility scheme and details of local tourist attractions.



## **Stokesley and Villages Community Regeneration Group**

### **Stokesley Cycleways Group**

A Steering Group has been established to develop four cycle routes linking Stokesley, Great Ayton and the surrounding villages. A Business Plan has been drafted and further consultation with the local community and stakeholders is underway. Funding opportunities are being explored in partnership with the Hambleton Project Development Officer and bids are being worked up for submission to Sustrans and LEADER.

### **Crathorne Reading Room**

Local tradesmen have been employed to install improved kitchen facilities and disabled access to the community facility and that the project is now complete.

### **Parish Caretaker: Kirkby in Cleveland and Ingleby Greenhow**

LEADER funding for this project has been secured to contract a parish caretaker for the parishes of Kirkby-in-Cleveland and Ingleby Greenhow in order to support and extend the work already being undertaken in both parishes to enhance the local environment.

### **Parish Plans**

Hutton Rudby Parish Council is considering writing a Parish Plan whilst the Crathorne Parish Plan is near completion and should be published in June 2010.



**Thirsk**  
Regeneration Initiative  
A MARKET TOWNS INITIATIVE PROGRAMME

## **Thirsk Regeneration Initiative**

### **Thirsk Skatepark**

Planning permission has been granted to create a skatepark on Gravel Hole Lane in Thirsk and a noise 'audit' has been undertaken. Draft designs for the scheme have been agreed and consultation with local residents has been undertaken. The total cost of the project is approximately £140k.

### **ThirskBusiness.com**

The site, launched on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, provides information for anyone considering starting a business, or relocating an existing business to Thirsk or the surrounding area. The launch of the site represents the first phase of the site's development and TRI is now looking to add more features in phases 2 and 3. Such features may include an on-line business directory, an interactive business forum and a 'virtual' tour of the key business locations across Thirsk.

### **Neighbourhood Watch Event**

An event was held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010, 7pm – 9pm at the Thirsk Rural Business Centre. Co-ordinators of the Thirsk & Easingwold Neighbourhood and Countrywatch schemes met to update local residents on initiatives running in the area which seek to tackle crime. Representatives from the Police, Hambleton Community Safety Partnership and South Hambleton North Yorkshire Neighbourhood Watch Association described the range of schemes underway and how local communities can get involved.

### **Area Group contacts**

#### **Bedale**

Chair: Yvonne Rose  
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13<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm @ Bedale Hall

#### **Easingwold**

Chair: Frank Johnston-Banks  
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19<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm @ Hushwaite Village Hall

#### **Northallerton**

Chair: Sally Anderson

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11<sup>th</sup> May 4.00pm @ Civic Centre, Stone Cross

### **Stokesley**

Chair: Bridget Fortune  
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9<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm @ Stokesley Town Hall

### **Thirsk**

Chair: Peter Walker  
[peter.walker@superskills.co.uk](mailto:peter.walker@superskills.co.uk)  
16<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00pm @ Rural Arts North Yorkshire

## **Prosperous Theme Group**

- The microloan pot stands at £5505.53 as at the beginning of April. A recent application of £1000 has recently been approved.
- The first tenant has moved into Leeming Bar Food Enterprise Centre; more interest is expected after the open day on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010. There are 2 suites out of the 7 let at Momentum with a large suite due to be let in May.
- Top 20 Business Forum – a second meeting took place on 19<sup>th</sup> March and was attended by Tom Riordan, Yorkshire Forward Chief Executive. Although there was lower attendance, the meeting was successful at pulling out the key issues facing businesses in the district i.e. infrastructure capacity; availability of a skilled workforce and associated provision of affordable housing and transport in rural areas.

## **Improving Heath Group**

### **Overall Action Plan**

A refreshed draft of the group's action plan has now been produced and was reviewed at the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010. The action plan has been restructured to clarify which work the group is leading on and which work it has a supporting interest in. The group agreed to have a substantive item on alcohol at the next meeting and to invite the CDRP manager. The group also agreed to have an update from Amanda Brown the Locality Director regarding PCT developments.

### **Obesity Update**

The MEND programme arranged for the Colburn area has been postponed due to limited uptake, (only 2 families signed up) and a joint scheme for Richmond/Colburn in being planned for September instead. The Hambleton scheme, which is being run in Thirsk, is due to start at the end of April – 3 families have registered so far.

## **Places Theme Group**

### **Housing**

The first meeting of the Hambleton LSP Strategic Housing Group took place on the 16<sup>th</sup> March. It was reported that the North Yorkshire Housing Strategy is currently being prepared which provides a timely opportunity for the LSP to co-ordinate the

development of the Hambleton Action Plan owned by the LSP which outlines the key strategic issues for the Partnership and the Council.

## **Hambleton Community Safety Partnership**

### **Safer Neighbourhood Projects**

Progress is being made with diversionary activities for young people across the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team areas in Hambleton. Youth clubs / drop-in sessions and other activities supported by Hambleton Community Safety Partnership agencies are being held in Thirsk, Stokesley, Northallerton, Easingwold and Bedale. The youth clubs and activities are targeting young people at risk of becoming involved in ASB and the involvement of partner organisations is helping break-down barriers between attendees and agencies.

### **Update on new projects or initiatives in Hambleton**

- 2 part-time Children's Worker posts for the Refuge will be in place by end of April 2010.
- The Northallerton Freedom programme that had been run by IDAS (Independent Domestic Abuse Service) has been completed.

### **Safer Roads**

The Hambleton Speed Matrix Deployment Group has agreed to join with the Richmondshire Speed Matrix Deployment Group to enable improved targeting of resources and community feedback. Parish Councils will be the key referral bodies for speed monitoring applications to ensure community engagement and feedback are maintained.

## **People Theme Group**

### **Stronger Communities**

The Intergenerational initiatives are progressing steadily with half a dozen elderly and a similar number of young people engaged in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, involving 10 facilitated sessions with a photography theme. This will culminate in a display at the local library.

### **Children and Young People**

Youth Councils are still an item which is struggling with no real progress on this year's target of 2 new councils. Success Youth Councils require structured support from designated Youth Workers.

### **Older People**

Successful ENGAGE information days have been held in Bedale, Easingwold & Stokesley.

After successful taster sessions at Bedale, further Engage into Sport 'taster' sessions were held at Stokesley between 12<sup>th</sup> February and 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

## Theme Group contacts and dates of next meeting

### Prosperous

Chair: Alastair Davy  
[info@ndfm.co.uk](mailto:info@ndfm.co.uk)  
15<sup>th</sup> June @ 10.00am at HDC Offices

### Safe

Chair: Liz Smith  
[liz.smith@richmondshire.gov.uk](mailto:liz.smith@richmondshire.gov.uk)  
May/June 2010 tbc

### Healthy

Chair: Phil Kirby  
[phil.kirby@nyypct.nhs.uk](mailto:phil.kirby@nyypct.nhs.uk)  
15<sup>th</sup> June @ 3.00pm at HDC Offices

### Housing Group

Chair: Val Blood  
[val.blood@nyharp.org.uk](mailto:val.blood@nyharp.org.uk)  
17<sup>th</sup> May @ 10.00am at HDC Offices

### People

Chair: Phil Henderson  
[manager@stokesleycca.org.uk](mailto:manager@stokesleycca.org.uk)  
6<sup>th</sup> May @ 9.30am at HDC Offices

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## LSP Development Officer

Nicky is currently providing advice and guidance to support a wide range of projects including village hall refurbishments in West Tanfield, Thornton Watlass and Morton on Swale and enhancements to play areas in Northallerton & Nether Silton. Other community-led projects being supported include:

**Brompton Heritage Group:** The Heritage Group is seeking funds to establish a Linen Workers Memorial Seat at Water End in Brompton. Designs for the seat have been agreed and Parish Council approval has been given. Nicky is encouraging the group to look at ways they can expand the project to include information boards and involve the local school with the project. This will strengthen an application to the Heritage Lottery small grants fund.

**Northallerton Otters:** Due to increases in pool costs by HDC the swimming club are now unable to generate the fees required to sustain their activities. Nicky is working with the group to explore options to improve their long term viability including 5 year cashflow forecasts, reduction in the hours of pool usage and increasing membership. Nicky is also providing guidance on a Sport England funding application to train more volunteers to coach the young people.

**Cleveland Search & Rescue:** The Search and Rescue Team have asked for assistance with the refurbishment of their existing building. The group is not seeking funding to replace the building with new; the group is therefore working on a £200,000 refurbishment project. Nicky has advised the group that they need to explore engaging other groups that could use the facilities including Duke of Edinburgh, Scouts and Guides etc to strengthen the need for the project.

**Nicky's fundraising total to date 09/10: £936,846**

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## Delivery Team Progress

The Delivery Team is currently working on a wide range of schemes which include:

- A range of public realm improvements in Bedale are being developed including the resurfacing of Albert Row, the replacement lanterns at Samwies Court and design work for proposals to enhance the Post Office Square
- Work was undertaken to bid for CLG Rural Masterplanning funding to help in the planning of the main LDF allocation for Northallerton. The bid was successful and HDC secured £70k towards this work, the largest award for given to any local authority. The process is underway with work commencing on the development of the masterplanning brief.
- A second phase of work has been undertaken to complete the Thirsk Sensory Garden. The site will be open to the public by the end of May.

The Delivery Officer left post at the end of March 2010. All Delivery Team projects will now be dealt with by Mark Haynes except for Evolution Business Centre which will be dealt with by Clair Hewitt, Economic Development (01609 767102 or [clair.hewitt@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:clair.hewitt@hambleton.gov.uk))

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