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Welcome to the 15th 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 Plan Forum

- **AGM**

To be held on Tuesday 15th September at Bedale Hall. Mike Barningham is to step down after 7 years in post. Yvonne Rose has indicated a willingness to take over as Chair.

- **Support for Local Projects**

The Group has agreed to provide funding for the following projects from revenue generated by the rental of 17 Market Place:

The purchase of a PC for Bedale High School to allow work to be undertaken on the Bedale.org website. The purchase of carpet as part of the refurbishment of Bedale Station. The work being undertaken by local volunteers will reinstate the building into a fully functional venue both for rail passengers and for community events. Improvements to the centre of Bedale, in particular the pedestrian area in front of the Post Office. It is proposed that the area be redesigned to provide a better quality community space and that better street furniture and a public art feature be installed to continue the long term plans for the development of an arts trail in Bedale.

- **Scouts & Guides**

Planning permission has been granted and an architect and quantity surveyor have been appointed. The design includes straw bale insulation and a 'green' roof. It is anticipated that subject to funds being made available construction will start in summer 2010.



Easingwold and Villages Forum

- **Easingwold One Stop Shop**

Remains a priority for the Group though little progress has been made since the last HSP Exec meeting. A small committee has been established to explore the level of support is available from key partners and whether possible venues exist for such a facility in Easingwold. It is understood that Seamus Breen is keen for the Forum to drive the project forward and that Cllr Caroline Patmore has been involved in internal discussions within NYCC. Concerns have been expressed by Forum members over the apparent reluctance of key partners to invest significant funding to ensure the project is sustainable.

- **AGM**

Held 22nd July 2009 and included presentations from Bill Cross, Chief Executive Rural Action Yorkshire and Helen Lambert, Co-ordinator, the Volunteer Centre, Easingwold. Frank Johnston-Banks re-elected Chair of the Group.

- **Hustwaite Orchard Project**

A site visit has been arranged for Group members to visit the Hustwaite Orchard Project which seeks to encourage the planting of fruit trees around the village. The aim of the project is to establish a co-operative that will create a surplus through the sale of products to be re-invested in other village-based projects. Future plans include the restoration of a number of historic orchards in the village in partnership with the Thirsk Woodland trust, Helmsley Walled Garden and the Northern Fruit group.

Northallerton and Villages Community Forum

- **Climate Change & Transition Towns**

Transition Town launch to be held on Friday 9th October at Northallerton Town Hall. Key priorities for the newly-established sub group include the promotion of local shopping and locally-grown produce and raising awareness of land share opportunities and allotments.

- **AGM**

Held Tuesday 28th July. Sally Anderson re-elected Chair of the Group.

- **Shopmobility Scheme**

A further £4000 has been secured from the HDC Community Grant Scheme and a meeting was held on Tuesday 8th September with key partners to agree a management structure for the Steering Group.

- **Brompton Pavilion**

Construction work is ongoing – once completed the Pavilion will include toilets, a kitchen, a meeting room and off-road parking for 40 vehicles. It is anticipated that work will be completed by September 2009.

- **Actdivertz**

It has been agreed that the Actdivertz Group which seeks to co-ordinate diversionary activities for young people across Northallerton become a sub group of the Area Group thereby bringing it under the 'umbrella' of the LSP.



Stokesley and Villages Community Regeneration Group

- **New Chair**

At the meeting held on Wednesday 12th August Cllr. Bridget Fortune was elected Chair of the Group. Cllr. John Fletcher will continue as Vice Chair.

- **Stokesley Cycleways Group**

A Sub group has been established to consider plans to improve cycle links between Stokesley, Great Ayton and the surrounding villages. Plans for possible cyclepaths and quiet lanes suitable for riders of all ages and abilities have attracted considerable interest – including a dedicated cyclepath linked to quiet lanes along the A172 'corridor' from Ingleby Arncliffe to Stokesley. Recommendations made in the Sustrans Cycleway Report commissioned by the Area Group in 2004 are being reviewed.

- **Crathorne Reading Room**

Work is underway to modernise kitchen facilities and improve disabled access in order to meet current legislation whilst preserving the historic appearance of the building. The project has attracted a grant of £4000 from the district council's Community Grant Scheme, along with match funding from the Crathorne Estate and by Reading Room funds. The Reading Room is

used as a polling station during elections and hosts regular social events throughout the year.

Thirsk Regeneration Initiative

- **Neighbourhood Watch Event**

TRI is to host an event in partnership with the Community Safety Partnership on Monday 28th September at the Thirsk Rural Business Centre The purpose of the event, to be held between 5-7pm, is to provide Neighbourhood Watch and Country Watch co-ordinators from across Thirsk with the opportunity to discuss any issues regarding the existing scheme. The local police Safer Neighbourhoods Team Chief Inspector Andy Everitt will be in attendance, along with other officers and key partners.

- **AGM**

To be held at 7pm at Rural Arts North Yorkshire on Wednesday 23rd September.

- **Richmond Hill Project**

Richmond Hill has been transformed into a community space for young people in a £3575 project at Ainderby Quernhow. The scheme saw a basketball area created after the land was cleared of rubbish, fences painted and bulbs planted. Delivered as part of a partnership between Broadacres Housing Association and its residents the project was endorsed by the Thirsk Regeneration Initiative which secured money from the district council's 'Regional Pledge' fund to support the project.

- **Rural Arts North Yorkshire**

The third and final stage of redevelopment of the Old Courthouse in Thirsk has been completed by RANY (Rural Arts North Yorkshire.) The Old Courthouse is used by a wide number of local and regional agencies for training, meetings, networking and public events. It also hosts monthly meetings of the Thirsk Regeneration Initiative.

Area Group contacts and next meeting dates

Bedale

Chair: Yvonne Rose

Wednesday 11 November 2009, 7.30pm at Bedale Hall

Easingwold

Chair: Frank Johnston-Banks
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Wednesday 18 November 2009, 7.30pm at Galtres Centre

Northallerton

Chair: Sally Anderson
sally.anderson@northyorks.gov.uk

Tuesday 29 September 2009, 4pm at HDC

Stokesley

Chair: Bridget Fortune
cllr.bridget.fortune@hambleton.gov.uk
Wednesday 12 August 2009 at 7.30pm

Thirsk

Chair: Peter Walker
peter.walker@superskills.co.uk

Wednesday 21 October 2009, 7.00pm at Rural Arts

For further information about the LSP Area Groups please visit: www.communityhambleton.org.uk

Prosperous Theme Group

- The Micro Loan pot stands at just under £5,600 as at the beginning of September with no new applicants – a marketing campaign is required to promote the scheme
- There have been several viewings at the Leeming Bar Food Enterprise Centre and also some early interest at Evolution, which has resulted in a tenancy application for the latter
- There are 2 leases out for the large suites at Momentum and it is hoped that tenants will be in by November
- The final unit at the Craft Yard, Bedale is under offer
- Top 20 Business Forum – all businesses have now been contacted and there is a healthy level of interest to develop further engagement with HDC
- The annual employment survey will start in September with a view to collating results in November

Improving Health Group

No update provided to the LSP Executive from the Improving Health Group.

Places Theme Group

• Membership of the Group

Due to the diverse nature of the issues considered by the Places Theme, members of the group proposed that it is split between Environmental and Housing projects. It was felt that Chairmanship of each should remain independent of the Council.

• Energy Savings Trust Advice Centre

A community project which was originally to be launched in July which would provide support to four separate communities and include such things as home energy checks.

• 2009/2010 Action Plan

The Group have identified the following priorities to work on in partnership:

- Work with young people to raise their awareness of the reality of securing/ maintaining accommodation
- Increase the level of corporate recycling by organisations operating in Hambleton District.
- Develop and agree multi-agency action plan to address climate change issues across the District
- Reduce fuel poverty

Hambleton Community Safety Partnership

• Hate Crime Reporting Centres

Co-ordination of the development of third party reporting centres is a priority of the Safer Neighbourhoods Action Plan. Centres have been established at libraries throughout the District. More Publicity for the centres is imperative as is expanding the number of centres to possibly include Hambleton District Council and Broadacres offices.

• RESPECT Events

The programme for RESPECT days has been developed for 2009-10. Great Ayton Respect day was held on Friday 28th August, Stokesley is scheduled for 11th September. The main purpose of these days will be to conduct satisfaction surveys on local safety issues. A Bedale Respect day on 17th July was abandoned because of heavy rain. The Respect days also incorporate 'Siren' traffic operations to deter speeding.

• Priority Wards

North Yorkshire Police, together with other partnership member organisations, are collating information on 4 priority Wards. Work will be undertaken in Thirsk, Sowerby, Northallerton and Great Ayton Wards to counter crime and disorder.

• Domestic Abuse Refuge

The Domestic Violence Refuge was completed on 23 July 2009 and was open to residents at the beginning of August.

• Hambleton & Richmondshire Making Safe

Making Safe is a multi-agency initiative supporting victims of domestic abuse to remain safe in their own homes, and at the same time managing the behaviour of offenders. A NSPCC Making Safe Children's Worker will be available as part of the Scheme from September 2009.

People Theme Group

Children and Young People

The Young Persons Sub Group has agreed to focus on the following three areas in 2009/11:

- Healthy Schools
- Alcohol
- Teenage Pregnancy

Older Persons

The Older Persons Sub Group has agreed to focus on the following three areas in 2009/11

- Fuel Poverty
- Transport
- Housing

Stronger Communities

The Stronger Sub Group has agreed to focus on the following three areas in 2009/11:

- Community engagement – including communication
- Community cohesion & diversity
- Volunteering & supporting the voluntary sector

Theme Group contacts and dates of next meeting

Prosperous

Chair: Alastair Davy

info@ndfm.co.uk

Wednesday 27 October 2009 at 10am, HDC Civic Centre

Safe

Chair: Liz Smith

Thursday 24 September 2009 at 2pm, HDC Civic Centre

Healthy

Chair: Phil Kirby

phil.kirby@nyypct.nhs.uk

Wednesday 9 December 2009 at 10am, HDC

Places

Chair: Steve Towers

steve.towers@broadacres.org.uk

Monday 12 October 2009 at 11am, HDC Civic Centre

People

Chair: Phil Henderson

manager@stokesleycca.org.uk

Thursday 5 November 2009 at 9.30am, HDC Civic Centre

Support for Voluntary Organisations and Community Groups

Nicky Smith, Development Officer is currently supporting a wide range of groups including: Crakehall Village Hall, Bedale Youth Venue, Huby Sports Club, Relate, Northallerton Shopmobility Scheme, Danby Wiske Parish Plan, Northallerton Tennis Club, North Road Play Area, River Leven Project, Stokesley Cycleways, Sutton-under-Whitstonecliffe Village Hall, North Yorkshire Short Mat Bowling Association, Funding Fair, Funding training for children's and young peoples groups, First Step to Sustainability Workshop.

Funding Fair – I am currently organising the Hambleton Funding Fair for 3rd November 2009. The fair will be held at the Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton from 2pm – 5pm. I have confirmation 14 organisations that they will be able to attend including the Big Lottery, York and North Yorkshire Community Foundation, Charity Bank, RAY, NYY, NYCC, Yorventure, Lloyds TSB Foundation, Broadacres and Leader+.

Funding training for children and young people's groups I am working in Partnership with Sara Christie (NYFVO children and young people's development worker) to deliver 2 training workshops for children and young people's projects seeking funding. These sessions will be held at Northdale Horticulture on 7th and 14th Oct 6.30 – 9.00pm.

Nicky's fundraising total to date 2009/2010 = £179,435

For more information contact Nicky Smith on 01609 774633 or e-mail nicky@ndvsa.co.uk

Delivery Team Progress

The Delivery Team is currently working on a wide range of schemes; to date since its inception they have delivered projects with an overall investment value of over £5.6m for Hambleton. Below is an update on some of the schemes:

Rutson Hospital – HDC, and partners, have been in discussion with PCT regarding the potential acquisition of the Rutson Hospital site. Valuations of the site are being obtained by both parties prior to further negotiations being undertaken. The uses proposed for the site include a mix of facilities including a new centre for voluntary and community sector organisations, supported youth housing, affordable housing and space for the development of social enterprises.

Northallerton Town Square - A design for a new town square in the area between the Town Hall and market cross has been drawn up. Before comments can be invited on the design NYCC Area Committee decision is required to allow consultation to be undertaken as the proposals would affect NYCC provided parking.

Bedale Heritage Partnership Scheme – In a little over 18 months the scheme has realised over £1.2m investment within the Bedale conservation area. It has refurbished key pedestrian links at Fleece Cottages and Bedale Beck and provided interpretation boards and new leaflets for the towns heritage trail. It has seen 12 businesses improve their shop fronts or make repairs to the buildings. 3 schemes to bring under utilised space into use are progressing well. The development at Bedale hall to convert an unsightly garage into an office complex has been completed. The new childrens centre for Bedale will be operating from this development. 2 floors of empty rooms at No. 1 Market Place have been converted to offices. Work at the Assembly rooms which will also provide town centre based office space are due to be complete in September.

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