

Building Better  
Business in Hambleton

# BUILDING BETTER BUSINESS

## NEW INITIATIVE BRINGS BUSINESSES TOGETHER



**An innovative new scheme to bring businesses across Hambleton together was launched this spring.**

More than 50 companies are already members of the 'Building Better Business' programme – and it is hoped that many more will sign up.

The initiative has already seen the first in a series of networking events take place. More than 50 businessmen and women from new and established companies converged on Thirsk Racecourse in June for the 'Lets Talk Business' event for a day of seminars and exhibitions.

The 'Building Better Business' programme aims to keep businesses in the loop – letting them know what is happening locally, regionally and nationally in the business world. Each business will have access to a wide range of benefits including:

- e-mail updates and e-newsletter – keeping businesses in the know about events, funding opportunities, business premises and business news

- invitations to a range of local business events across the District, including business forums, rural business surgeries and business networking events

- a chance to have a say in key local consultations such as the allocation of employment land in the district through the Local Development Framework

- copies of the Adult Learning Directory – which lists all courses and training opportunities

Plans are being put in place for events to give local firms an opportunity to meet each other and make valuable connections with potential suppliers and customers. The 'business to business' programme kicks off at the Springboard Business Centre in Stokesley on November 22. Meetings in Bedale and Northallerton are expected within the next few months.

To join the Building Better Business Programme call the District Council on 0845 1211 555 or e mail [kirsty.mcgreedy@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:kirsty.mcgreedy@hambleton.gov.uk).

## NEW FORUM

**Businesses based on Northallerton's two industrial parks are getting their own 'talking shop'.**

The District Council is setting up a business forum for the town – the third forum for the district.

It will follow in the footsteps of those serving the estates at Leeming Bar and Stokesley – they have more than 100 members and find tackling key issues jointly works.

Once established it is hoped a fourth forum will be set up in Thirsk along with rural business surgeries at Northallerton and Thirsk Auction Marts.

The Northallerton group meets for the first time on October 25 and although it is administered by the council it is primarily for the businesses in the area. Key partners

from the public and voluntary sector will also be invited along - the police, highway authority, Business Link, local Councillors and economic development officers.

Members will be encouraged to make sure that the best interests of all the businesses and their employees are in the forefront of development. They will also be encouraged to look at everything from signage, security and traffic to grants, business support and new laws or regulations.

The Northallerton Forum takes place at Broadacres House on the Standard Way Industrial Estate from 12.30 – 1.30pm. A buffet lunch will be served at noon.

For more information on any of the Businesses Forums call the Economic Development team on 01609 767050.

## £2.2 MILLION FOOD PARK

**A £2.2 million scheme to create a food park at Leeming Bar is open for business.**

Land is now for sale at the flagship development – which it is hoped will eventually be home to up to 20 firms working in the food and drink industry.

Funded by Regional Development Agency, Yorkshire Forward, and Hambleton District Council, the scheme has seen 15 acres of land transformed into a fully serviced industrial site. It has brought unused farming land back into economic use as well as transforming a redundant, contaminated and unsightly scrapyard.

"It has taken some time for us to create this food park but now the

land is ready for occupancy it is going to be something very unique for North Yorkshire," said Cabinet Member for Prosperity, Councillor Tony Hall.

"Yorkshire and Humber is the UK's biggest food producer - dominating a number of food sectors as well as being home to some of the world's best companies. There are more than 15,000 companies in Yorkshire and Humber's food and drink sector – some of them are already based in Hambleton and we hope through this development many more will join them."

- Businesses working in the food industry looking for somewhere to relocate should call the council's Economic Development Team on 01609 767050.

## WORKSHOP UNITS AVAILABLE AT

**Can your business afford to miss out on:**

- being located on a thriving Business/Industrial Park with fantastic links via the A19/A1 to the national motorway network and just 20 miles from the nearest air and rail networks
- a flexible and business friendly tenancy agreement at competitive rates/affordable prices.



- The Craft Yard, Bedale Station
- Standard Way, Northallerton
- Stokesley Business Park
- Thirsk Industrial Park

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For further information or to arrange a viewing, please contact: **Kirsty McGreedy on 01609 767050**

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