



Ryedale News

Potential Changes at Wentworth Street Car Park

Yorkshire developers Holbeck Land and the GMI Group have been successful in their bid to purchase part of Wentworth Street Car Park and adjacent land from Ryedale District Council, subject to planning permission being granted. The sale would provide a gross receipt of not less than £5m that would all be used to support projects to benefit the community of Ryedale.

Holbeck Land and the GMI Group propose developing the lower deck of the Car Park for a new food store, two retail units, office space and a new petrol filling station. In addition, Ryedale District Council has retained the 150 space upper deck of the car park to provide long stay parking, including free use by farmers at the livestock market.

Holbeck Land and the GMI Group will be promoting a planning application for the development that they say will bring shoppers back to the area and encourage people to use the existing Malton shops and services, safekeeping longer term investment into the

Ryedale market town as a whole. The proposals are for shops that are at the same level as, and face onto, Wentworth Street with a large area of car parking on a lower storey beneath them. The developers say that this, plus improved access from the car park to the street and a large area of parking that is free for 3 hours, will encourage shoppers to use both this site and other town centre shops and services. The sale is subject to the bidder getting planning permission for their proposals. The possible impact of the development on Malton town centre will be examined closely as part of the planning process. The sale of the land and its redevelopment will only happen if it is appropriate to grant planning permission.

For further information on plans for Wentworth Street car park check out the Latest News section on the Council's website www.ryedale.gov.uk

"Please look out for the tag on your bin, which gives specific collection arrangements".

Waste and Recycling Collections

W/C 20th December
All properties will have their refuse collection (green bin). If you normally have your kerbside recycling service this week, **this will not change.**

W/C 27th December
No refuse collection this week. If you normally have your kerbside recycling service this week, **this will not change.**

W/C 3rd January 2011
All properties will have their refuse collection (green bin). If you normally have your kerbside recycling service this week, **this will not change.**

Garden Waste - Collections will move to monthly collections during December, January & February.

If you do not receive a tag on your bin or if you require more information regarding Christmas Waste Collections, before and during the Christmas period, please contact Streetscene on -

Tel 01653 600666 or email streetscene@ryedale.gov.uk



Christmas Message

This Christmas message is written at Harvest time just as the leaves are turning. One farming year is completed and the next has started. The work of the farmers and foresters over the centuries has formed Ryedale's present beautiful landscape. Our five market towns and some eighty parishes have a strong incentive to welcome visitors to share this bounty.

Ryedale has a testing period ahead. Changes there will be, some controversial. I believe our residents will meet the challenge with customary good humour and tolerance. I ask that their response, when consulted about the future will be reasoned and practical.

Ours is a Christian country and Christmas a season of joyful anticipation. Children look forward to Nativity plays, presents and parties. For adults it is a time to celebrate and for new hope. The first to recognise Jesus' birth were poor shepherds and strangers from the East. The message of the angels was peace and goodwill to all people. This too was a time for change.

One theme of Christmas is family reunion. We remember all those whose work or duties keep them away from home. Hospital staff, the Police, Fire Service and the Ambulance crews and Care workers who assist those for whom Christmas can mean loneliness, stress or sadness. In particular may we think of HM Forces in Afghanistan and elsewhere in places of danger and hardship.

My experience has been that at Christmas people of all races and faiths share greetings and hospitality. On behalf of the Ryedale community I wish everybody who reads this message a happy, joyful Christmas and a New Year that brings peace and contentment.

Councillor Lt.Col. Anthony Hemesley OBE (Chairman of Ryedale District Council)

Christmas Opening and Closing Times

Ryedale House

will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 24 December 2010 at 3.00pm and will re-open on Tuesday 4 January 2011 at 8.30am.
Emergency Telephone Number
01653 697737

The Registrar

of Births, Deaths & Marriages: This service will be available on 24 December 9.15am - 1.00pm, 29 and 30 December 2010 each day 9.15am - 1.00pm & 2.00pm - 4.00pm, 31 December available from 9.15am - 12.00pm. The service will be closed on 27, 28 December 2010 and 3 January 2011. Re-opening Tuesday 4 January 2011 at 9.15am.
Telephone Number
0845 034 9483

SWITCHOVER - NEWS!



Former Strictly Come Dancing winner and ex-Yorkshire and England cricketer, Darren Gough, was in Leeds putting Maggie Philbin and a group of over 75s through their paces on the dance floor, to reassure older and disabled people in the region that the TV switchover will be as easy as left, right, left. Former Tomorrow's World presenter Maggie, an ambassador for the BBC-run Switchover Help Scheme, partnered Darren in the waltz at Leeds City Railway Station, to announce that help with the digital TV switchover is on its way, and to talk to members of the community about how to make the change to digital on their TV sets. Later, Maggie travelled to Hull to meet local people and pass on the Help Scheme message. The Help Scheme will contact every household in the region where there are eligible viewers, beginning in the New Year – viewers should look out for the information pack which gives more details of how to apply. The Regional Team in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire can provide information and advice about the Digital Switchover Help Scheme for older and more vulnerable viewers and can help you to help people locally to make the switch.

For technical advice and information about how to convert individual televisions to digital, please contact the Digital UK Advice Line on 08456 50 50 50 or visit www.digitaluk.co.uk. For advice about the Digital Switchover Help Scheme call 0800 40 85 900 or visit www.helpscheme.co.uk.

You could be involved in our Digital Outreach programme to help charitable and voluntary organisations and community sector groups to reach out to people in the community to ensure that they get reassurance, advice and help to make the switch without any worries. For more information, to order supplies of materials or to arrange a meeting, please contact: **Julie Belford on 0113 287 8471, e-mail yorkshire@digitaluk.co.uk or write to: Digital UK, 5 Carrwood Park, Selby Road, Leeds LS15 4LG**

news in brief

Helping hand for Ryedale businesses to cut back on waste

Successful business is all about managing and hopefully eliminating waste, so a new handbook has been produced to help Ryedale businesses save money by reducing their waste.

The Business Waste Handbook, created by Ryedale District Council in partnership with Leeds City Council, provides specific information and tips for offices and businesses involved in catering, construction, retail, leisure and tourism, printing and manufacturing.

The handbook gives advice on reducing the amount of waste created, reusing materials and recycling as much as possible, as well as waste audits and a guide to legislation. There is also a list of organisations

that can provide further information, guidance and funding to help businesses make changes and effectively manage their waste to reduce costs.

The handbook is now available as a PDF file on the Council's website at:

http://www.ryedale.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/commercial_waste_and_recycling.aspx

For more information contact:

**John Brown, Recycling Officer.
Tel: 01653 600666 Ext 486**

Tourism Oscar for Council's Tourist Information Centre

Malton Tourist Information Centre scooped the 'Visitor Information Award' at the 'White Rose Awards' held in Harrogate. The four-strong team (Julie Blanchard, Christine Barnard, Julie Flinton and Patrick Swindell) was invited on stage by the TV presenter Christa Ackroyd to receive the award from sponsors 'Carrier Direct'. The TIC fought off stiff competition from 5 other TICs in the final, including their sister office in Pickering, following a probing series of mystery shop exercises during the season. Judges praised the successful co-location of the TIC in the Malton



Museum, where the staff offer a high level of customer service to visitors and local people as well as welcoming visitors to the outstanding Roman collection on display there. Having been finalists twice in recent years (and past winners both in Yorkshire and nationally) the team now has a gleaming trophy to display on the front desk of their centre.

Ryedale's TICs' Manager, Les Clarke said:

'I am delighted to see the team receive this prestigious award. It is a very fitting climax to a season's dedicated work. The team, led by Julie Blanchard, has worked very hard over the last few years to forge a successful partnership with Malton Museum, and the award recognises how well it has worked.'

The White Rose Awards (tourism's equivalent of the Oscars) are organised each year by the regional tourism body 'Welcome to Yorkshire' and recognise excellence in 16 different categories. Ryedale also saw trophies brought home by:

No 17 Burgate in Pickering (Guest Accommodation Award)
The Walled Garden at Scampston (Small Visitor Attraction)
The Feversham Arms Hotel and Verbena Spa, Helmsley (Small Hotel of the Year)

The Council runs Tourist Information Centres in Malton Tel 01653 600048, Helmsley Tel 01439 770173 and Pickering Tel 01751 473791.

Have your say on the Council's Budget

Ryedale residents are being asked for their views on the way services could be provided in the future.

All services provided by Ryedale District Council are coming under the spotlight as part of the ongoing budget setting process and possible reduction in central government funding.

And all Ryedale residents can add their views on which services they value by taking part in the on-line budget consultation at <http://www.budgetsimulator.com/ryedale>.

Paper copies of the consultation are available by ringing 01653 600666 ext 222 or 228 or from Ryedale House, Malton or from Ryedale District Council's Area Offices at Helmsley, Pickering and Kirkbymoorside.

Snow Problems



NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (NYCC) is responsible for the gritting, salting and snow clearance of all priority roads and footways across the district.

NYCC operates a system of priority treatment routes and for further winter service details please use the following contacts:

Online: www.northyorks.gov.uk/gritting Telephone: Enquiries 08458 727374 Email: winter.maintenance@northyorks.gov.uk

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOTORWAYS AND TRUNK ROADS PARTICULARLY THE A64?

These roads are maintained by private contractors on behalf of the Highways Agency. Contact them on 08457 504030 or email ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk

Ryedale District Council (RDC) Streetscene works in partnership with NYCC by undertaking gritting and snow clearance of priority footways before 9 am in the main town centres of Kirkbymoorside, Helmsley, Malton, Norton, Pickering and Thornton-le-Dale.

RDC also carries out gritting and snow clearance for all key council-owned sites including car

parks and swimming pools and also supports other partners in the district including Town Councils, North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, North Yorkshire Police, Yorkshire Housing and Fitzwilliam (Malton) Estates.

HOW DO ADVERSE WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS AFFECT MY WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES?

Winter conditions inevitably impact on the regular waste and recycling service.

If waste is not collected, where possible please leave it out ready for collection and, as soon as vehicles can safely access areas missed, all waste will be collected including extra bags and boxes.

Every effort is made to continue to provide normal services wherever possible and practical.

For further information please: Email streetscene@ryedale.gov.uk uk Tel: (01653) 600666 Website: www.ryedale.gov.uk

news in brief

CLEAN SWEEP FOR RYEDALE MARKET TOWNS

A partnership effort to clean up the streets of Ryedale has been launched. As part of the first Five Towns Initiative – between Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside, Malton, Norton and Pickering Town Councils and Ryedale District Council – a new pavement sweeper is now cleaning the main town centres to improve the standard of cleansing.

The three year project has been jointly funded by the town councils and supported by Ryedale District Council and their Streetscene Team and this is the first project of its kind for the partnership initiative.

"We were approached by the town councils to provide a pavement sweeper that will be used to tackle the four priorities that they identified - cigarette butts, litter, pavement silt and weeds in the market places and main pedestrian areas of the towns and improve the overall standard of cleanliness," said Phil Long, Head of Environment for Ryedale District

Council. "The sweeper is now servicing each town as part of a regular schedule to complement the street cleansing service already provided and everyone is delighted with the results".

Joan Lovejoy, Mayor of Pickering said: "I am delighted that we are now going to have the new pavement sweeper as I'm sure that Pickering will benefit greatly from its use. It is good to see what can be achieved by cooperation between all of the Councils".

The Mayor of Malton, Councillor Jason Fitzgerald-Smith, said: "I am delighted that the Five Town Councils and Ryedale District Council have come together to get this project off the ground. We are confident that with this specialist machine the Streetscene team can make a real difference to the appearance of each of our town centres".

Thinking about being a Councillor?



Ever thought of becoming a local councillor? Perhaps you're already involved in local affairs and want to take the next step? Or perhaps you just like the idea of doing something worthwhile and rewarding, to help your local community.

The District Council elections in Ryedale will be held on 5 May 2011. All 30 ward councillor positions will be up for election.

What is the role of a Councillor?

The position of councillor is vital in the local community because they

are a voice of the community, they are champions of the users of local services, local people know what is best for local communities, they are critical to the effective functioning of democracy and they play a very important role in helping to shape future services for the benefit of the local people.

There are many reasons why people decide to become a local Councillor. You may wish to stand because of your concern over the local area in which you live and a desire to ensure that your local community is provided with the services needed. You may want to ensure that local community interests are taken into account in the Council's decision making and be committed to representing the local people's views, or you may want to be involved in shaping the future of the local community.

How do I become a Councillor?

Councillors are people who are elected to the local council to represent their local community. You must be 18 or over, a UK, EU or Commonwealth citizen, and registered to vote in or have either worked or lived in the area for one year.

You can stand for election as an independent candidate or as a group/ party political candidate. The local political parties are already looking for people interested in representing them. Don't worry if you are not already a member of a party as they will be able to go through all the options with you.

Once you have decided you would like to become a Councillor for details on your next steps visit www.beacouncillor.org.uk.

If you would like further information and answers to questions such as what do councillors do, could I be a councillor and how do I become a councillor? Please visit <http://www.beacouncillor.org.uk/meetthem/yandh.htm> which is a regional campaign website. Alternatively a leaflet is available by contacting Ryedale District Council, Democratic Services on 01653 600666.

ENERGY BOOST

Is your roof leaking? Would you like help to improve the thermal efficiency of your home with loft or cavity wall insulation or in certain circumstances even a new boiler? Do you have an empty property that is in need of repair and costing you money? If so Ryedale District Council's Housing Services Department could help you.

There are a number of financial incentives available to homeowners that could suit your needs, as we recognize that some homeowners, particularly the elderly and vulnerable may not have the financial resources to keep their property in a state of good repair. These include Energy Efficiency Grants, Empty Property Grants, Houses in Multiple Occupancy (HMO) grants, Home Appreciation Loans, Home Repair Loans and Decent Home Loans.

Energy Efficiency Grants can help with the costs of installing loft and cavity wall insulation and in certain circumstances even a new heating system. Empty Property Grants and Houses in Multiple Occupation Grants are available up to a maximum of £15K to help bring empty properties back into use and to ensure that shared houses comply with Fire Safety legislation and are in a good state of repair and improvement. Home Repair Loans and Decent Homes Loans are interest free loans and are available to help homeowners undertake repairs and improvements to their property. This may include leaking roofs, windows in a poor state of repair, poor electrics, outdated kitchens and bathrooms and old and inefficient heating systems. Both of these loans are up to a maximum of £5K and are available to all residents of Ryedale over 60 and in certain circumstances those under 60 on benefits.

Home Appreciation Loan is an equity release scheme designed to help homeowners; who have limited finance; release the equity in their homes for major repairs to their properties. The maximum available can be up to £30K.

All enquiries in respect of the above can be made to Ryedale District Council's Home Improvement Agency who will assist you by providing information and advice, arrange home visits, carry out surveys, source contractors and support you through the application process to final completion of works to your property.

Full details of all of the above schemes and their eligibility can be found on the Council's Website by following the link as detailed below, or you may wish to speak to an officer in the Home Improvement Agency, at Ryedale District Council on **01653 600666**.

www.ryedale.gov.uk/housing/grants/home_improvement_grants.aspx

LDF UPDATE

Consultation on the draft Ryedale Plan – the plan which sets out future planning strategy in Ryedale to 2026 - closed on the 5 November. 130 responses from various organisations and individuals were received covering a wide range of issues. These will now be considered by the Council leading to a formal draft expected to be published in early 2011.

The Coalition Government has announced wide ranging reforms to the planning system which will be set out in the forthcoming Decentralisation and Localism Bill. The next draft will take into account the implications of any changes proposed at the time it is published.

The Bill is intended to enable local communities to have a greater role in shaping their local areas through the planning system, which may include giving communities responsibility over the choice of development sites in their local area.

Please visit http://www.ryedale.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/planning.aspx for more information or alternatively contact:

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