

## Supporting New Businesses Helping our high street to thrive again

Quality new businesses add to the regeneration of Bridlington - please support them to help them thrive

New and refurbished businesses are also displayed on our Facebook page - Bridlington Regeneration Fact not Fiction



'Walker + Walker' Photographic on Manor Street



Connisseurs Delicatessen & Rustics Restaurant (sister businesses) in Queen Street



'Because!' - bespoke crafts & clothing on Manor Street



'Little Sicily' - Authentic Italian Restaurant on Regent Terrace



Wetherspoons new £1.7m chapel extension



Fashion Jewellery & Accessories on King Street

## Forums News -

### The Business Forum:

The Business Forum has a Board, which meets approximately every other month and an 'Open Business Forum' which is 3 monthly, and as it suggests is open to all business owners in and around Bridlington. Usually meeting at The Spa.

#### Recent Open Business topics have covered:

- The new Inner Harbour Plan.
- Love Your High Street grant scheme.
- Lobster Tourism Strategy.
- Alternatives to plastic packaging
- Rebuilding Pride & New Ideas for centre
- The Yorkshire Coast Business Improvement District (BID)
- Regular updates on all the current and completing regeneration schemes, with the most up to date information available.

### The Town Improvement Forum: A new opportunity!

This forum has previously been run by elected volunteers from across a broad spectrum of life in and around the town. However it is now also adopting the Open Forum style and we will soon be launching the dates for the first 'Open Town Improvement Forum' meeting. It's forerunner The Town Team meetings used to run regularly, when projects were first being devised for Renaissance. In recent years, as those projects have been rolling out and delivery is complete, it has not been necessary to hold Town Team meetings. We would now like to re-introduce the opportunity for interested residents to take part in discussions and presentations that continue to work towards improving the town in many different ways. Watch press for details of the first scheduled meeting!

YOUR chance to take part in the ongoing debate & consultation of regeneration schemes. Watch press for details of where you can become involved...

### The Learning & Skills Forum

#### The November meeting covered :

- Joint work with Scarborough Borough Council in January to develop links between employment and training opportunities along the Yorkshire Coast.
- Planning for the Annual Bridlington Jobs Fair at East Riding College on Tuesday 18th February aimed at local schools and college students, job seekers and the local workforce.
- Setting up a new local Employers Forum led by East Riding College, to meet for the first time in March 2020, to support local businesses and understand the recruitment and retention needs but also to gain support from businesses to offer work experience places and develop route ways to employment for the school and college leavers, unemployed individuals, and training for the current workforce.
- Updates from the local representative for the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) including links with the Construction Hub offer in Hull and Scarborough, to improve skills in the construction sector.



# Bridlington REGENERATION NEWS

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WE ARE BACK!



Garrison Square



Crescent Gardens



Artist's impressions of the new Town Centre Seafront scheme - on the new Regent's Gardens.

## Regeneration continues apace

### Regeneration News is back in electronic form

You may remember up to 2008 that the Renaissance team produced regular newsletters that were posted to every property in and around Bridlington, to keep residents informed of the progress of the Regeneration Strategy, which was adopted in 2003, after much consultation, when the town was given Renaissance status by the then Regional Development Agency Yorkshire Forward. Now we fast-forward to the 21st century and the partnership has re-adopted its original title and is now once again known as The Regeneration Partnership.

### Regular updates

Now that there is a great deal more work that has been completed and even more

regeneration work underway and planned for the coming years, the team of volunteers on The Regeneration Partnership Board decided it was time to update Regeneration News for the 21st century, resurrect the original format but now distribute it electronically, to save costs on reproduction and delivery. So here we are with the very first 'new' edition of Regeneration News.

We intend to keep the community as up to date as possible with accurate and honest information, based on facts, not fiction! What you read in these columns is what's happening and what will be happening.

We welcome feedback and would like anyone who wishes to contact us to email: [feedback@bridregen.co.uk](mailto:feedback@bridregen.co.uk)

Should you have questions, we will do our very best to find an accurate and honest answer,

from our contacts and lead partners at East Riding of Yorkshire Council. The council is responsible for delivering the 2003 Regeneration Strategy, which we are still working towards. The current programme runs until at least 2022.

As we bring you news of projects, we will explain the context and how the project has been developed to deliver on the aims of the 2003 adopted Regeneration Strategy. We will also, from time-to-time, remind you of what exactly has been achieved over the last two decades or so - as it's easy to forget just how much effort has gone into regenerating our town and just how much funding has already been invested, both directly from ERYC and Government sources, but also from private investments and businesses around the resort.

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# Regeneration

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Stages 1 & 2 of the new Gypsy Race Park, Bridlington

Autumn 2019

## Be Proud of Bridlington anytime of the year

A town for all seasons - we can all make Bridlington a better place in which to live, work & invest

### Communication

Do you know what is happening in Bridlington, before it happens?

Do you know what is planned in the short to medium term?

Do you care enough to get involved?

Do you have good ideas on how to improve Bridlington?

Do you know how to influence what the Regeneration Partnership does?

The Regeneration Partnership Board wants to improve two-way communication between the residents and businesses of the Bridlington area (this includes local villages as well as the town itself). This is needed to provide a wider input to influence the role of the Partnership and future development of the town (social as well as physical). To achieve this, a number of changes and initiatives are being implemented:

- This new format and re-launched regular newsletter
- A new website – [www.bridregen.org.uk](http://www.bridregen.org.uk)
- A new Facebook page – *Bridlington Regeneration – Facts not Fiction*
- More meetings will be opened up to the public - including the *Town Improvement Open Forum*, which will be the new way for anyone to become involved (formerly *The Town Team*)
- Ways will be found to include more groups based in the Bridlington area in the regeneration process.

If you care about how Bridlington changes, now and in the future, get in touch by one of the routes above.

### Lobster Capital of Europe

Many local residents and most of our visitors may be completely unaware that Bridlington is the Lobster Capital of Europe - with over £9M of catch landed in 2018. Around 90% of the catch is exported to Europe, The Far East and even The United Arab Emirates.

However there is still sufficient in Bridlington for us to really begin to capitalise on the tourism benefits that this kind of Food Tourism can bring to Bridlington and the surrounding areas.

At the recent **Open Bridlington Business Forum** meeting, D Harness & P. Andrews from University of Hull presented ideas to develop Bridlington's status as Lobster Capital of Europe. Further work to develop this concept is being carried out with support from the Holderness Coast Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG), which has also funded a wide range of projects relating to the fishing sector along the Holderness Coast, including last year's Bridlington Seafood Festival.

Food Tourism is the largest growing sector in the tourism industry and using Yorkshire, as one of the most well-known tourism brands in the UK, there is opportunity to hit new heights in tourism for the area, creating a new high quality appeal.

Combining the Yorkshire brand with food tourism and coming up with a strong brand for Bridlington's lobster and crab expertise is what will offer the area huge opportunities to grow a whole new niche tourism sector. Work is also underway to secure long-term the annual Seafood Festival to support these plans – the next date has now been confirmed as Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June 2020.

### Major Schemes currently underway

#### Gypsy Race Park

Esh Construction started building the next phase of the Gypsy Race Park in November 2019 which will continue the new linear park from Hilderthorpe Coach Park to the new Beck Hill Bridge. Engineering work to the banks of the Gypsy Race will make more space for people to enjoy the green areas and wildlife can flourish. Natural play and seating areas will be created allowing the whole family to enjoy the outdoors, and engaging information boards will be installed so the people can discover more about Bridlington's nature and cultural heritage. New trees will be planted and existing areas of woodland will be managed with a new path built so people can explore the natural world on their doorstep. **The Gypsy Race Park is part funded by European Regional Development Fund and East Riding of Yorkshire Council.**

Many people have enjoyed the first part of the Gypsy Race Park, completed earlier this year; but unfortunately some vandalism damage has taken place which we are working to resolve. If you notice any new damage please report this at [bridlington.regeneration@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:bridlington.regeneration@eastriding.gov.uk)

#### Townscape Heritage Scheme

Andrew Uttley has recently joined the Bridlington Renaissance team to take up the role of *Townscape Heritage Officer* until the end of the scheme. Along with the management and coordination of events and programmes to encourage public engagement with

the rich history and heritage of Bridlington. A key feature of the project is the *Townscape Heritage Grant* scheme - which is aimed at the structural repair, reinstatement and reuse of buildings in the TH Area, which have a heritage interest and will continue to bring about significant benefits to the appearance of the **TH and Bridlington Quay Conservation Areas**. We are in regular contact with the owners and tenants of properties within the TH Area about the grant scheme and are receiving ongoing enquiries. **The scheme is entering its last year of availability and funding is still available for new applications.** If this is something you may be interested in or feel you are eligible for and could benefit from (grants are available to cover up to 80% of the costs incurred), please get in touch with Andrew at [bridlington.regeneration@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:bridlington.regeneration@eastriding.gov.uk)

#### Brid ITP2 (Integrated Transport Plan 2) - Stage 1 Station Plaza

Works at the Railway Station continue with the new access road and drainage system now under construction.

Once finished these works, which include the new disabled and short stay car park and link road, will complete the £13.3m investment as part of the Bridlington Integrated Transport Plan Phase 2 (jointly funded by the Humber LEP and ERYC).

**These works are currently on programme to complete in the summer of 2020.**

#### Town Centre Sea Front Public Realm

The Town Centre Seafront Scheme began on site in September with the contractor North Midland Construction (NMCN), commencing work on Garrison Square. They are currently installing new paving in that area and on the east side of Esplanade. The £4.8m project which is funded by ERYC and York North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Growth Fund includes comprehensive remodelling of the public realm along Garrison Street and Esplanade from Garrison Square in the south to *East Riding Leisure Bridlington* in the north, and it includes remodelling of the junctions with the adjoining streets and Regent's Gardens. In many areas this includes full reconstruction of the road base, working around the existing utility services. **During the works all local businesses are open as usual and we are liaising closely with them to ensure that the inevitable disruption is kept to a minimum.**

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