

Business Roundup

HAMBLETON
A place to grow

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As another year draws to a close we once again muse at the speed 12 months seem to fly by, but also reflect on what has been achieved since January. From the point of view of Economic Development we are particularly pleased to have won planning approval for the development at North Northallerton, successfully purchased the Northallerton prison site for exciting future redevelopment, and we are now confident that a long term solution for issues at Dalton Industrial Park is within reach, so unlocking significant investment and jobs for the area.

I trust you are able to reflect on some of your own professional highlights of 2015 and look forward to a New Year of health and prosperity. Season's Greetings to you all.

Peter Wilkinson

Cllr Peter Wilkinson, Deputy Leader, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development



Wanted: Your Views

Hambleton District Council is starting work on a new Local Plan. We want to hear your views on how we approach strategic decisions about where new development should go and what you think the local and strategic issues are for the District until 2035. Information and details on how you can give your comments will be available following the Lunch and Learn at Evolution, Northallerton on 4 February 2016 and the Breakfast Briefing at Springboard, Stokesley on 12 February or via the [HDC website](#).



Review of Hambleton Industrial Estates and Business Parks

The review commenced in October when a survey questionnaire was issued to 600 businesses located on the District's Industrial Estates and Business Parks. The Business and Economy team have been meeting owners and directors from all sectors and sizes of business to understand their requirements and identify any future growth plans.

We encourage all businesses located on Hambleton Industrial Estates and Business Parks to take part - we need you to help us shape the future for your business in Hambleton.

Click [here](#) for further information. **Contact Phil Bramhall**. Deadline for contributions is 11 December.

North Northallerton Development Gets Green Light

Plans to create a major new development in north Northallerton has won planning approval for the go ahead of 298 new homes and a link road between Darlington and Stokesley roads. The HDC Planning Committee also gave outline approval to the remainder of the scheme, which includes another 600 homes, a primary school, shops and restaurants, medical facilities, and sport and recreational areas.

The plan has been in development for almost ten years, through the Council's Local Development Framework, with an overarching masterplan created in 2011.

The site will be developed by a consortium of developers who, along with a grant of £6m from the Local Enterprise Partnership, will also be contributing to the cost of the link road.

Click [here](#) for further information. **Contact Mark Haynes**.





Business Support

Business support via the Police and Crime Commissioner's office

Thirsk and Northallerton town centre businesses have secured funding to install a digital Shop Watch Radio through the Police and Crime Commissioners Office. This will help to improve the security in our market towns and businesses will be able to communicate and alert each other when known criminals are visiting.

The Safer Hambleton, CCTV and Business and Economy teams at Hambleton District Council have been working with the Police in supporting the businesses to take this project forward, which will be implemented early in the New Year.

Contact [Julie Hutton](#)



Closure of SSI Steelworks, Redcar

Following the recent announcement to close SSI at a cost of 1700 jobs, it has been identified that 30 Hambleton residents are amongst those made redundant. The impact of this closure on the businesses within its supply chain is anticipated to have wider reaching implications for our area. The HDC Business and Economy Team have compiled a list of contacts who may be able to help and support individuals and businesses within the District who are affected.

Click [here](#) for details of possible sources of support and financial assistance.

Contact [Julie Hutton](#)

Financial support to recruit graduates

Since the beginning of the year Hambleton District Council has been facilitating the growth of Hambleton businesses and supporting graduates by offering financial support for internships. Over the last 11 months the scheme has helped 15 graduates link with 13 businesses across the District, with 3 of the graduates, including Sarah Adamson at Coles Solicitors (pictured), offered permanent contracts as a result.

The graduate scheme provides funding of up to £5,000 per graduate. Aimed at SMEs the financial backing can help businesses with paying the graduates wages and even buy equipment to support the graduate's role.

With our links to local universities, we can help you find the right people with the right combination of skills, talent and enthusiasm to deliver performance improvements.

Click [here](#) for more information

Contact [Emma Snaith](#)



Sarah Adamson, Legal Assistant at Coles Solicitors, and Law Graduate of Durham University



Apprenticeship and Graduate Awards 2015

As part of Hambleton District Council's "Changing Lives Building Business" scheme we will be acknowledging and celebrating the exceptional contributions of apprentices and graduates to their workplace during 2015 in a special lunch award ceremony on 17 December. Results to follow in the next issue.





Vibrant Market Towns

A Merry Independent Hambleton Christmas

Retailers in Hambleton's five market towns are gearing up for a winter wonderland of pre-Christmas festivities. Plans are being made to give shoppers in Northallerton, Bedale, Stokesley, Easingwold and Thirsk a special seasonal shopping experience at the independent shops and market stalls across the area.



Karen Boynton from CB Furnishings in Northallerton gets into the festive mood with an early visit from Santa.

And to help take the stress out of the shopping experience, take advantage of off street parking in Hambleton DC car parks, free every Thursday in December and every day between 25 December and 1 January.

Please support your fellow businesses in the run up to Christmas. Click [here](#) for more information on what is happening in each town.

Update

The Government has recently announced that control over business rates is to be passed back to Local Authorities. This, however, is not as straightforward as it sounds because it is likely to be subjected to legal challenge; it only replaces the 40% cuts to local authorities expected over the next 2 years, and does not commence until 2020.

As the picture becomes clearer on this subject we will seek to keep businesses informed.



Supporting Activity

News from around the District

Soft drink manufacturer Cawingredients and their Chief Executive, Andrew Cawthray, recently emerged as the big winners in the Yorkshire Growth 100 Awards. The business, based on Leeming Bar Industrial Estate, scooped three of the six awards on offer at the event, which tracks and celebrates the region's fastest-growing companies.

Hambleton successes at the recent "Welcome to Yorkshire" White Rose Awards...

The Cleveland Tontine, Osmotherley, winner of the Restaurant with Rooms Award and Thirsk Tourist Information Centre, winner of the Visitor Information Award. A full list of winners can be found [here](#).



CONGRATUATIONS TO ALL WINNERS

...and Flavours of Herriot Country Awards

Lewis & Cooper, Northallerton; The Pantry at Thirsk; Seasonal Salads at Battersby; the Tea Room at Byland Abbey; and The Curious Table at Easingwold.

Full list of winners can be found [here](#).

And finally -

Thirsty Thursday the Stokesley-based business networking group, celebrated their 1st Birthday on 19 November with special guest Rishi Sunak, MP. Launched November 2014 the free informal networking evenings have welcomed hundreds of businesses and each event regularly attracts representatives from over 40 different organisations.



Rishi Sunak celebrates with founders of Thirsty Thursday, Sue Thompson and Anna Addison





Driving Growth

LEADER Funding

Grant funding through the LEADER programme (funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development) is to be made available for local businesses and organisations to assist them in delivering projects which create jobs, help their business to grow and benefit the rural economy overall.

Projects should contribute to one or more of the following key priorities:

- Increase farm productivity
- Support micro and small businesses and farm diversification
- Boost rural tourism
- Boost rural services
- Provide cultural and heritage activities
- Increase forestry productivity

Click [here](#) for more information. **Contact Julie Hutton or Jayne Cranston**



Dates for the Diary



Evolution Business Centre, Northallerton

12noon - 1.30pm
£5 including buffet lunch

7 January - A New Year and a More Resilient You?
4 February - LinkedIn
3 March - Cloud working demystified



Springboard Business Centre, Stokesley

8 January
Pension Freedom - Fact or Fiction?

12 February
What you say, what people hear
8 - 9am £5 includes breakfast



Last Tuesday of the month
9am - 1pm
Evolution Business Centre, Northallerton

Meet like-minded people to work together in a different environment, to exchange help and advice, and maybe come up with a new idea to collaborate on.

THIRSTY THURSDAY

The next dates for the Stokesley-based business networking group are 28 January, 25 February, 18 March. 5 - 7pm. Further details on their brand new [website](#).

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Got a story... ..holding an event... ..offering support?

To be included in the next edition of Business Roundup let us have your contributions by 11 March. Email: marie.woodhouse@hambleton.gov.uk