

SKIPTON BID NEWS

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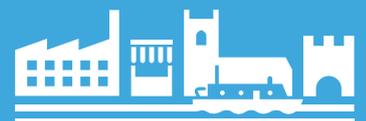


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If you are still receiving a printed version but would prefer it electronically, then please get in touch: info@skiptonbid.com or call **01756 799033**.

We'd love to hear your stories about how Skipton BID has benefitted your business. Please email info@skiptonbid.com to share your news.

The next edition of Skipton BID News will be published in September 2018.



SKIPTON
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

These are the events specifically supported by Skipton BID!

www.VisitSkipton.co.uk lists many of the other festivals and events taking place in Skipton throughout the year. Please email info@skiptonbid.com if you would like to add your business's event to the website.

Skipton BID Annual General Meeting

Tuesday September 18th

This will once again be held at Alexander's Bar and Kitchen. All BID businesses welcome nibbles from 6pm for a 6:30 start.



Launch of Skipton BID's Third term Business Plan

Wednesday October 3rd

To be held in the Black Horse function room, reception and nibbles from 6pm with the launch starting at 7pm. As a levy paying business you have a vested interest in how we'll spend the £750,000 over the next 5 years, schedule the date into your diary and join us this evening to hear how the plans will support Skipton and you!

#VisitSkipton #BusinessSupport #TheEnvironment



Santa Fun Run and Skipton Christmas Lights Switch On

Sunday November 25th
The Christmas fun doubles as Skipton Craven Rotary Club's epic Santa Fun Run which last year saw nearly 2000 'Santas' running a course around the town centre, is brought together with the BID funded Christmas Lights Switch On from 2pm.

You heard it here first - we're so excited to say Boogie Storm are already booked and this year's Santa is the Grinch! ...and there is so much more planned.



[Boogie Storm – photo credit: Sarah Zagni]

Christmas Markets

December 2nd and 9th

The Christmas fun continues with our award winning markets, Best Large Speciality Market 2018 and Best Small Outdoor Market 2017. Over 20,000 people attend on each of these two Sundays, the opportunities are before you.

The Ballot

7th January – 3rd February 2019

Results 4th February

Unless you vote and say YES in the ballot, Skipton will lose the BID and all the events, services and initiatives it brings to the town.

#VOTESkiptonBID

CCTV

INSTALLATION COMPLETE, GOING LIVE IS ALMOST READY!



SKIPTON SPOTLIGHT

Skipton Spotlight this month is shining on Ben Crick, composer and conductor for Skipton Building Society's Camerata. This section is dedicated to featuring different business people and stakeholders from the town.

Qu 1: Why is Skipton Building Society's Camerata so important to the town?

"I think it's important that art is available to everyone and it's equally important that the art is of the highest quality. At the Camerata we have musicians who have played with the Halle orchestra, BBC Philharmonic Orchestra and even the Vienna Philharmonic and we're bringing this quality of player to play in our town. Normally people would have to travel to the major cities to hear these type of players but it's so important that communities in smaller and more rural locations have this access also."

Qu 2: How important has Skipton BID been in assisting Camerata?

"What I like about Skipton BID is that it's a hub, when you communicate with the BID you feel you are talking to the full Skipton business community. That centrality is so useful as we're a really small organisation and the time saved by having one point of contact to deal with is invaluable. There's also the bigger picture that Skipton BID promotes the town and we all need a thriving Skipton for us all to prosper. The work Skipton BID does is vital to achieving this aim."

Qu 3: What's your favourite way to spend your weekend in Skipton?

"I'd start by having long run up through Skipton woods and then on up Sharphaw before dropping down to Gargrave and then coming back on the canal. Then a meet up with friends in any of the various pubs for an afternoon before going to some type of live music event. What's great about Skipton is that a weekend like that is possible any weekend of the year."



BCRP – BUSINESS CRIME REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP



MESSAGE FROM PCSO GILLIAN SEED

"Over the past few weeks we have had various reports of forged notes circulating in town. What to look for! You should check the generic features on the bank note such as feel of the paper and raised print, the metallic thread, and the watermark. You should also check the features which are specific to certain notes, such as the holographic strip on the £20 note. If you suspect a note to be counterfeit you should keep hold of it and inform the police. A detector pen cannot always detect counterfeit notes.

"Summer holidays have started, which means more people in the town. Please be observant as shop lifters

will make the most of the busy periods. Make sure you all turn your radios on in the morning and when possible shout up for a radio check, we have seen a big improvement the past few weeks so let's keep this up. At the end of the day please turn your radios off and place back on the charger, if you don't turn it off you will reduce the battery's life."

Remember together we can make a difference.

Please email bcrp@skiptonbid.com or phone **01756 799033** for more information or to apply to join the scheme.

SKIPTON BUSINESS AWARDS 2019



Who will be awarded 'Best Business of the Year 2019'? The Skipton Business Awards are readying to launch into a third successive year.

Thanks to foundation funding received from Skipton BID and the generous support of Skipton and district's businesses the awards launched in October 2016 and has celebrated the 'best' in Skipton and BD23. Organised by Skipton Chamber of Trade and Commerce, this 'not for profit' organisation has operated continuously for more than 120 years and the awards have provided a fantastic opportunity to celebrate local businesses and what they do best!

In 2017, Thornton Hall Country Park took the prize for overall winner and in 2018, Bizzie Lizzie's added 'Best Business of the Year 2018' to their plethora of awards.

Coordinator Wendy Lawson commented, "It has been an honour to be able to bring back an awards opportunity for the businesses of Skipton and surrounds. The companies have embraced them with sponsorship support and participation and it is a

privilege to learn of the diverse range of products, specialisms and services each business provides. The Chamber was created by businesses of Skipton for the businesses of Skipton and the awards has provided a perfect opportunity to highlight the strength of Skipton's business community."



The 2019 Skipton Business Awards launch at an event held at The Bailey, Skipton Building Society on 6th September 2018. Headline sponsorship has almost been confirmed and businesses are invited to express their interest in sponsoring the twelve available categories. Any sponsorship received prior to the September event will be announced on the night. If oversubscribed with interest per category – there will also be a ballot draw held then.

For more details regarding sponsorship and entry to the awards please contact Coordinator, Wendy

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