

SKIPTON BID NEWS

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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.

WATERWAY FESTIVAL

Skipton Canal Basin
Sat 4 - Mon 6 May
www.penninecruisers.com/special-occasions-and-events/skipton-waterway-festival

TOUR DE YORKSHIRE

Skipton Town Centre
Sun 5 May
letour.yorkshire.com/stage-4

***NEW* HINTERLANDS INTERNATIONAL RURAL FILM FESTIVAL**

A weekend festival celebrating rural films in dramatic ways, in various places and spaces across Skipton.
Fri 16 - Sun 19 May
www.hinterlandsfestival.org.uk

LE PETIT DEPART

Sunday 2 June
lepetitdepart.co.uk

SKIPTON CHARITIES GALA

Aireville Park
Sat 8 June
skiptongala.org.uk

SKIPTON SHEEP DAY & ARMED FORCES DAY

Skipton Town Centre
Sun 7 July
facebook.com/skiptonsheepday

ART IN THE PEN

Skipton Auction Mart
Sat 10 & Sun 11 August
artinthepen.org.uk

BATTLE OF BRITAIN PARADE

Skipton High Street
Sun 8 September

YARNDALE

Skipton Auction Mart
Sat 28 - Sun 29 September
yarndale.co.uk

UCI ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Skipton High Street
Sun 29 September
www.britishcycling.org.uk/Yorkshire2019

SKIPTON PUPPET FESTIVAL

Canal Basin and Town Centre
Fri 4th October - Sun 6th October
www.skiptonpuppetfestival.co.uk

SKIPTON WILLOW LANTERN WALK

Skipton Castle Woods
Sat 12 October
skipton.woodlandtrust.org.uk

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Skipton High Street
Sun 10 November

CRAFTS IN THE PEN

Skipton Auction Mart
Sat 16 & Sun 17 November
craftsinthepen.org.uk

SKIPTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON & GREAT SKIPTON SANTA FUN RUN

Skipton Town Centre
Sun 24 November
facebook.com/skiptonchristmaslightsswitchon
www.skiptonsantafunrun.com

SKIPTON CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Skipton Town Centre
Sun 1 & Sun 8 December
facebook.com/skiptonchristmasmarket

GREAT PLACE LAKES AND DALES



LOTTERY FUNDED

Great Place Lakes and Dales is a Heritage Lottery Funded programme, exploring ways to support younger people who wish to live and work in the Lakes and Dales, using arts and culture as a catalyst. The aim is to help to reduce the number of young people leaving the area. The population of young people aged 18 to 34 is 17% in the two areas whereas the national average is 26%. We know each village, town and community in the Lakes and Dales has its own strong identity and there are issues around infrastructure, affordable housing and transport but we also know there is a lot of good practice in the business community.

In our role as business animators we researched the key issues affecting creative businesses. These can be summarised as:

- Young people being aware of job/work opportunities
- Availability of appropriate work space (shared spaces, hot desking, affordable studio space)
- Different ways of working (remote working, flexible working, collaboration)
- Appropriate business support (designed for the creative industries)
- The visibility of the creative sector in view of exciting opportunities locally and nationally.

We are working with young people to trial solutions to some of the issues they have identified. We would like to extend our conversation to the wider business community to explore long-term solutions. We are keen to hear from local businesses about good practice or challenges around:

- The recruitment and retention of young people in the area
- Working with the creative and cultural sector
- The potential to provide work space or business support for creatives.

We also want to hear about the benefits and challenges of locating a business in the Lakes and Dales.

As a starting point, we have prepared a short survey. We would be delighted if you could spare ten minutes to provide feedback.
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QJ7XSKY>

If you would like to get in touch our contact details are: **work@lakesanddales.org**

Karen Merrifield and Jael Williams

GPLD is a programme funded by Arts Council England and Heritage Lottery Fund until the end of March 2020. It aims to use arts, heritage and culture as the catalyst for economic, social and environmental change against a background of fewer 16 to 34-year olds than the national average choosing to live and work in the area.



PLASTIC FREE SKIPTON

HELLO! WE ARE PLASTIC FREE SKIPTON, A COMMUNITY GROUP FOR EVERYONE IN SKIPTON, INCLUDING YOU AND YOUR BUSINESS. WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN US.



We want Skipton to become a Plastic Free Community. It's a nationwide status awarded by Surfers against Sewage and with your valued support **WE CAN DO THIS!**

We're not trying to rid the town of plastic in general - we know it can be hugely useful - but we want to change plastic habits and remove single-use, 'disposable' plastic wherever possible. It litters our streets and countryside, harms our wildlife, blocks our drains, chokes our oceans and lasts forever.

That's why we need you. The easiest way to reduce single-use plastic in the community is to remove the option for both customers and employees to use or buy it in the first place!

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOUR BUSINESS?

- It can save you money!
- Your business can gain Plastic Free accreditation with just 3 simple changes.
- We will promote you through Plastic Free Skipton's website, social media platforms and articles in the press.
- Your business will be able to apply for the Craven Green Apple environmental award.
- Being seen to care for the environment is a great selling point.
- Becoming a Plastic Free Community will make Skipton a more attractive town to visit and further boost your business.

WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

1. Consider which of the things overleaf you have already stopped using, could easily remove or could replace with a reusable option.
2. Message us via Plastic Free Skipton Facebook page or email us at plasticfreeskipton@gmail.com. We can give you a plastic free toolkit, advice on alternatives, arrange a plastic audit of your business and promote your actions.
3. Tell others to do the same!

HERE ARE 6 SIMPLE THINGS TO CONSIDER REMOVING OR REPLACING:

- Plastic bottle
- Single-use plastic cups
- Plastic carrier bags
- Plastic straws
- Single-use plastic cutlery
- Balloons

DON'T STOP THERE!

Think about eliminating plastic disposable cups, 'on the go' plastic food packaging, condiment sachets, single-use promotional items and bathroom plastics.

GET IN TOUCH

We look forward to hearing from you and helping you and your business to be a part of Plastic Free Skipton.



WE'D LIKE TO GIVE A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO THE FOLLOWING SKIPTON BUSINESSES WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE CHANGES TO REDUCE THEIR (AND OUR) PLASTIC USAGE:

STEEP & FILTER

Their eco store provides many refill options and plastic-free alternatives, as well as a terracycle recycling station in the basement for crisp packets, toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, biscuit wrappers and other awkward plastics that can't go in the blue bin.

TWO SISTERS

They switched to paper straws a year ago, stopped selling drinks in plastic bottles and have started making their own dips from scratch to reduce plastic packaging.

BEAN LOVED

They sell bamboo re-usable cups and give customers their first drink in it free, plus 20p off each take-away hot drink in a re-usable cup.

EXCHANGE COFFEE

They offer a discount to customers who bring their own containers when buying tea leaves or coffee beans.

EMMA'S APOTHECARY

They now wrap all their soaps in paper instead of plastic and have started selling shampoo bars to meet recent demand.

DRAKE & MACEFIELD

They've switched to fully recyclable aluminium trays, as well as selling re-usable tubs and actively encouraging customers to bring their own tubs to fill.

IF YOUR BUSINESS OR OFFICE HAS ALSO MADE CHANGES RECENTLY, PLEASE LET US KNOW. WE'RE KEEN TO SHARE BEST PRACTICE WITH OTHER BUSINESSES, AND GIVE YOU SOME FREE PUBLICITY ALONG THE WAY.