

SKIPTON BID NEWS

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We'd love to hear your stories, ideas and best practices, because when shared they could benefit the Skipton business community. Please get in touch!

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Dear Businesses,

Welcome to the latest edition of the BID Newsletter, it's been a while, so much achieved during the first year of the BID's Third Term, a lot of which has been renewing contracts, agreeing service level agreements and adhering to legislative changes, such as those for the Skipton Crime Reduction Partnership. These tasks have been time consuming, working hard behind the scenes, and very necessary to the smooth running of the BID for the new term. Skipton BID has continued to support many events, such as the Waterway Festival, Sheep Day, the Lights Switch-On and of course the Christmas Markets. We agreed a new Christmas Lights contract for the next five years, co-funded with Skipton Town Council, the feedback has been very positive, the lights have been well received.

We have made a start on "Placemaking" commencing with the ceiling of lights on Otley Street, which will remain all-year-round, shortly going back onto a timer system for Spring and Summer. We are working with our Partners on an exciting new Tourism Strategy aimed at bringing long term benefits for businesses and residents. As you may be aware £1.2 million of government funding has been secured for the High

Street Heritage Action Zone. Skipton BID will be part of the collective committee and we look forward to the businesses joining us at the various working groups to help deliver on the funding objectives over the next four years. More on this later as these projects are in the early stage.

This past year the membership for Skipton Crime Reduction Partnership (SCRCP) has increased and continues to do so. The BID manages this scheme for the benefit of ShopWatch and S.T.A.N.D. (aka PubWatch). If your business is retail, or you manage licensed premises in Skipton, and don't know about SCRCP, please get in touch, the scheme aims to help you to reduce retail / alcohol related crime and antisocial behavior.

If you'd like to meet up to discuss your business or to learn more about Skipton BID, please don't hesitate to pick up the phone and we'll arrange a meeting.

Kindest Regards
Geraldine Thompson
BID Manager and Director

WHY NOT BECOME A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY BUSINESS?

Dementia Friendly Skipton are a group of local people and organisations working together to make Skipton a better place for people with Dementia, their families and supporters.

With an estimated 10,000 people living with dementia in North Yorkshire we think that it's important that we work together to make Skipton more dementia friendly.

We want Skipton to be a dementia-friendly community where people with dementia are understood, respected and supported so that they can continue to live in the way they want to and still be part of their community.

Many businesses have employees or customers affected by Dementia and many others provide services used by people with dementia.



We want to help local businesses take steps to become more dementia friendly, we can provide free advice and guidance and we run an award scheme to recognise businesses that commit to taking three simple steps.

1. Hold a Dementia Friends Sessions for staff so that they understand the impact of dementia and can support people who may be showing signs of dementia, whether they are customers or employees. We can arrange for a volunteer to deliver a free session or you can watch one on-line.
2. Using our simple checklist to identify areas within your shop or venue that might cause physical difficulties for people with dementia for instance around signage, lighting or design. We can give practical advice when looking at your public spaces to identify small changes you could make.
3. Think about your businesses products, processes and services and identify ways that you could help customers affected by dementia. This could be practical support such as helping them fill in forms or a 'no hurry check-out'. We have members from a range of businesses who can share their ideas and experience.

If you would like to get in touch to discuss how your business could be part of Dementia Friendly Skipton email Kate Senior at ksenior@cravendc.gov.uk

More information about Dementia Friendly Craven can be found at www.cravendc.gov.uk/community-living/dementia-friendly-craven/

HINTERLANDS / INTERNATIONAL RURAL FILM FESTIVAL

screenings / panel discussions / immersive experiences / outdoor arts

14-17th
when?
MAY 2020

Celebrating rural film in dramatic ways across the landscapes of the Lakes and Dales.

hinterlandsfestival.org.uk

where?
Skipton

FESTIVAL PASSES
NOW ON SALE

great place
liveMore
doMore

HINTERLANDS RETURNS TO SKIPTON IN 2020

Hinterlands Rural Film Festival returns to Skipton from 14-17 May 2020 following the inaugural festival in 2019. The first wave of screenings and events for the 2020 festival programme have been announced, inviting audiences to immersive and eclectic experiences and screenings of a diverse range of films, from fantasy classics to foreign language films and family favourites, all with rural landscapes at their heart.

FIRST WAVE FILM PROGRAMME

One of the highlights of the festival will be a theatrical extravaganza inspired by the film *Midsommar* (18). It will start with an opulent feast followed by a procession from the canal basin to the Plaza Cinema, where there will be a screening of the film (Sunday 17 May, feast and procession 6.30pm). One of 2019's most divisive films, *Midsommar* follows a young couple who find themselves in the midst of a fever-dream summer solstice celebration in rural Sweden.

Guillermo Del Toro's fairytale *Pan's Labyrinth* (15) (Saturday 16 May, 9pm, location to be revealed) captivated audiences across the world for its delicate and savage depictions of nature when it was first released in 2006. It tells the story of young Ofelia who moves to the Spanish countryside with her mother and step-father, but ends up on a magical odyssey led by a strange faun who claims to know her destiny.

The touching and powerful coming-of-age story *Dead Poets Society* (PG) (Friday 15 May, 5.30pm) will be screened at the fitting location of Ermysted's Grammar School. Starring the late Robin Williams, this iconic BAFTA winner (Best Film, 1989) tells the story of a group of boys at an American all-boys boarding school who set up a night-time poetry society.

Get your singing voices ready for a singalong version of the tuneful and heartwarming *The Sound of Music* (U) (Saturday 16 May, 9.30am, Plaza Cinema). Follow singing ex-nun Maria (Julie Andrews) as she becomes a governess for the Von Trapp family in the Austrian Alps.

Foreign language films will include the 1946 French family classic *La Belle et la Bête* (PG) (Sunday 17 May, 10am, Plaza Cinema), the beloved story of Beauty and the Beast, and *Monos* (15) (Friday 15 May, 9pm, Plaza Cinema), a Spanish language survivalist saga set on a remote mountain in Latin America.

Organisers are keen to hear from local businesses, organisations or groups who would like to get involved.

Please email hello@hinterlands.org.uk

Exciting plans are underway for a spectacular launch event in the centre of Skipton on Thursday 14 May - more will be revealed soon! More films, activities, events and panel discussions will be announced in early 2020.

A festival pass will give film fans access to all of the screenings and events across the festival, and has gone on sale at www.hinterlandsfestival.org.uk for £50. Festival pass holders have priority booking before individual events go on general sale in the new year.

The festival is produced by award-winning outdoor arts company Wild Rumpus in collaboration with the Great Place: Lakes and Dales programme, which uses creativity, heritage and culture to retain and attract more young people to live and work in the area.

NEW YEAR, NEW PLASTIC RESOLUTION?

For any businesses out there wanting to do their bit for the environment, Plastic Free Skipton is delighted to share a brilliant new Business Toolkit from Plastic Free HQ. It's packed with helpful, practical solutions for all kinds of premises, from cafes and shops to hair salons and offices. If you can eliminate three single-use plastics from your business, and come up with a plan to tackle other single-use plastics you've identified as a problem, then you're eligible for a Plastic Free Champion wooden plaque! The good news is that you can also claim the plaque retrospectively, so if you have already made these changes (and we know that many businesses have been making an awesome effort to reduce plastic) then please get in touch.

We're hoping to see as many businesses as possible in the town centre proudly presenting their plaques this year, in our bid to become a Plastic Free Community - and an even more desirable location for both visitors and local customers. Given consumers' increasing awareness of the plastic problem, removing unnecessary plastics from your business can actually be a major selling point - as well as saving you money.

For your free pack, please email your Plastic Free Community leaders Katie and Amy at plasticfreeskipton@gmail.com. You can also register your business and find out more here: <https://www.sas.org.uk/news/plastic-free-business-know-how/>



SKIPTON EVENTS 2020

SKIPTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

Various venues
(see website)
Mon 9 – Sat 14 March
www.skiptonmusicfestival.co.uk

SKIPTON TRIATHLON

Aireville Park Sun
19 April
www.cravenc.gov.uk/skiptontriathlon2020

ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE

Scout Association
Skipton High Street
Sun 26 April

TOUR DE YORKSHIRE-STAGE 2 START LOCATION

Start location Skipton Town Centre
Fri 1 May
<https://letour.yorkshire.com/stage-2>

TOUR DE YORKSHIRE STAGE 4 CYCLE THROUGH

Skipton Town Centre
Sun 3 May
<https://letour.yorkshire.com/stage-4>

SKIPTON WATERWAY FESTIVAL + VE DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Skipton Canal Basin/Skipton Town Centre
Fri 8 – Sun 10 May
info@penninecruisers.com

HINTERLANDS FILM FESTIVAL

Various locations- Skipton Town Centre
Thurs 14 – Sun 17 May
hello@hinterlandsfestival.org

SKIPTON BEER FESTIVAL

Ermysted's Grammar School
Thurs 28- Sat 30 May
<https://skiptonbeerfestival.camra.org.uk>

LE PETIT DEPART

Sun 31 May
www.lepetitdepart.co.uk

SKIPTON CAR SHOW

Skipton High Street
Sun 7 June
www.skiptoncarshow.co.uk

SKIPTON CHARITIES GALA

Aireville Park
Sat 13 June
www.skiptongala.org.uk

SKIPTON SHEEP DAY & ARMED FORCES DAY

Skipton Town Centre
Sun 5 July
www.facebook.com/skiptonssheepday

ART IN THE PEN

Skipton Auction Mart
Sat 8 & Sun 9 August
www.artinthepen.org.uk

BATTLE OF BRITAIN PARADE

Sun 13 September
Skipton High Street

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS IN AND AROUND SKIPTON, PLEASE GO TO:

WWW.VISITSKIPTON.CO.UK

THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

YARNDALE

Skipton Auction Mart
Sat 26 – Sun 27 September
www.yarndale.co.uk

SKIPTON WILLOW LANTERN WALK

Skipton Castle Woods
Sat 10 October
<https://skipton.woodlandtrust.org.uk>

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Skipton High Street
Sun 8 November

CRAFTS IN THE PEN

Skipton Auction Mart
Sat 21 & Sun 22 November
www.craftsinthepen.org.uk

SKIPTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON & GREAT SKIPTON SANTA FUN RUN

Skipton Town Centre
Sun 29 November
www.facebook.com/skiptonchristmaslightsswitchon
www.skiptonsantafunrun.com

SKIPTON CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Skipton Town Centre
Sun 6 & Sun 13 December
www.facebook.com/skiptonchristmasmarket

SKIPTON CRIME REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP



Instances of **knife crime** in North Yorkshire are low compared to other parts of the country, and Skipton Crime Reduction Partnership (SCRCP) are committed to keeping it that way. To do this, we need your help.

The police are normally involved with this type of crime at the later stages of the offence - when someone has used the knife or is armed with it. This is when those involved, who are often young people, are most at risk.

Retailers are often involved at the earliest stages, when people are thinking about or are in the process of buying knives. If retailers can stop offenders buying knives and let the police know about suspicious incidents, we can save lives.

It is also extremely important to ensure that all members of staff are fully aware of the law regarding the sale of knives.

The National Business Crime Centre has some very useful resources at the following link that might be helpful:

<https://nbcc.police.uk/guidance/knife-retailers-toolkit>

Staff will often be familiar with the normal behaviour of customers. A significant amount of this type of crime is linked to 'county lines' drugs gangs exploiting the young and the vulnerable. These people will likely display unusual behaviour when trying to make a purchase.

If you see anything unusual please report this to the police. Trust your instincts. Don't worry about wasting police time. Any piece of information could be important - it is better to be safe and report.

Please pick up the phone and call us on the non-emergency number 101. Speak to your local officer or report anonymously on Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. If you have urgent concerns, dial 999.