

Helmsley Town Team

Ryedale District Council has set up two pilot schemes involving Amotherby and Helmsley. In Helmsley, representative members of Helmsley in Business, Helmsley Town Council, Ryedale District Council, North Yorkshire County Council and a National Park officer have had their first two meetings. RDC is looking at how it delivers services to the town and ways of using resources more effectively in the context of its cuts to budgets. The group will be looking at what Helmsley needs and has started with parking, a signage review, the market and the refurbishment of the public toilets.



Council receives award

The council has been awarded the Foundation Level of the Local Council Award Scheme.

The council was assessed on how it works and had to show that it operates lawfully and according to standard practice, that is has policies for, and keeps records of, the training of councillors and staff and that it has the foundation for development and improvement.

Lights out

As the nights draw in it's noticeable if a streetlight is out. The town council owns most of them so please report them to the clerk. Lights east of Ashdale Road, around The Limes area, and a few others, are owned by NYCC and can be reported directly by phone 01609 780780, & online www.northyorks.gov.uk

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Have your say ...

How should £46,000 be spent in Helmsley? Please come along to an exhibition of proposals in Helmsley Town Hall Meeting Room on Friday 14th October to Monday 17th October anytime between 11:00am-3:00pm

The consultation closes at noon on Monday 24th October. Feedback forms are available on the council's website, at the library and at newsagents in town and should be returned to Helmsley Town Council. All feedback will be sent to the NYM National Park who will decide how the funding is allocated. Bids have been put in for the following projects that, due to the terms of the funding agreement, had to be within the Park:

- ❖ 1st Helmsley Scout Group - Camping for all, Bell Tents
- ❖ Helmsley Bowling Club - Move western boundary of bowling green
- ❖ Helmsley Community Library - Extended Services Programme
- ❖ Helmsley Community Primary School - Climbing Frame Safety Flooring
- ❖ Helmsley Community Primary School - Raised bed gardens for fruit & veg
- ❖ Helmsley Community Primary School - Sensory Contemplation Garden
- ❖ Helmsley Community Primary School - Trim Trail
- ❖ Helmsley Recreation Charity - Outdoor gym
- ❖ Helmsley Recreation Charity - Report on the Proposed Helmsley Open Swimming Pool Programme of Refurbishment and partial funding of immediate work.
- ❖ Helmsley Recreation Charity - Pavilion heating
- ❖ Helmsley Recreation Charity - Rotating Cone Climber & Flying Saucer
- ❖ Helmsley Town Hall Trustees - Renovation project
- ❖ Helmsley Walled Garden - Community Kitchen



News from Helmsley in Business

Helmsley in Business (HiB) now has more than 60 members, all proud to support the town, all working together to make Helmsley a better place to live, work and visit.

We are proud to have won, with the help of everyone's votes and a nerve-racking judges visit, the prestigious title of **Britain's Best**

Market Town 2015/16. It is hoped the official commemorative plaque will be unveiled on November 2nd at 12noon when the National Tour of Small Business Saturday comes to town. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

Our main festive celebration is **Small Business Saturday** on December 3rd from 10.30am to 3.30pm. The annual ice rink, thanks to the Black Swan Hotel, will be here and lots of fun activities are planned. 'Save the date' and watch out for updates. Angel making is in progress to decorate the town for an **angel festival** for Christmas and it is hoped that residents will join in by making angel displays too. **Santa**, thanks to Ryedale Lions, will be in attendance on December 3rd from 2pm to 3pm, if you've been good.

"Shop local" at a late afternoon shopping event at the Walled Garden craft units on November 25th from 2pm to 6pm, and we are very excited to welcome the famous NSPCC Fair to Duncombe Park in November, 17th-19th.

All the businesses appreciate our loyal local customers and we look forward to sharing the festivities. HiB has added a further £1,200 of **Christmas lights** to make the town twinkle. We are committed to increasing the lights every year, until the town is covered in white lights. Ongoing fundraising evenings have been very well supported, thank you, and businesses have also been very generous with their donations. New collecting tins for donations this year are around town, so please spare your change.

Let's not wish away the last days of Summer sun just yet! HiB is part of a new **"town team"** (back page) and have had some positive results in its first 3 months - new 20 min free of charge "pop in to shop" car park spaces are coming, the Long Stay car park is undergoing a programme of improvement and RDC has promised to renovate the Borogate toilets over winter. We have free coach parking again which should stop coaches parking on-street. All suggestions for town improvements are very welcome.

See www.facebook.com/visithelmsley & www.visithelmsley.co.uk for news.

BONFIRE & FIREWORK EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday 5 November
Helmsley Recreation Ground
Bonfire to be lit 6:30pm
Fireworks to music 7:00pm
★Sports Club open★
★Tombola ★ Hot Food★
Volunteers for stewarding
duties always welcome



Help keep Helmsley in the swim

Helmsley's Open Air Pool has been a valued asset for many years but its future is uncertain. Members of the community who value the pool are invited to join a working group looking into how the pool will continue. Expert opinions on the plant and machinery are being sought, and options for maintaining and operating the site will also be explored. Please contact the clerk if you would like to help in any way.

Our Library Needs You by Jeanne Brown, Lead Library Volunteer

We are a group of volunteers who want to keep our library open. We can only do this with your help and support.

Our library is not just for lending books to read. You can research and study and keep in touch with our community and world. All for free.

The survey we held recently showed us what else you wanted from the library and we are making plans to do just that.

In April 2017 we aim to run the library in the Town Hall building. However, we can only do that with your help and support. At the moment we extend the opening hours on Friday afternoons. In April we will be responsible for all the opening hours and we would like to increase them.

Can you spare some time to help us? Don't feel you have to have amazing skills, if you want to help, get in touch either through the library or the town council office. Training is provided. Our volunteers don't work on their own.

Contact: the clerk or Jeanne Brown 01439 770726 or pop into the library.