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It's time to vote in the Neighbourhood Plan referendum

Shape YOUR future

By Stephen Pritchard

The North Yorkshire Council executive has given the go-ahead for the Malton and Norton Neighbourhood Plan referendum, which is due to take place on Thursday, October 3.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been produced by and for local residents. This marks the final stage of many years of work involving thousands of hours of volunteers' time and many rounds of consultation to hear local people's views on how they want to shape our community into the future.

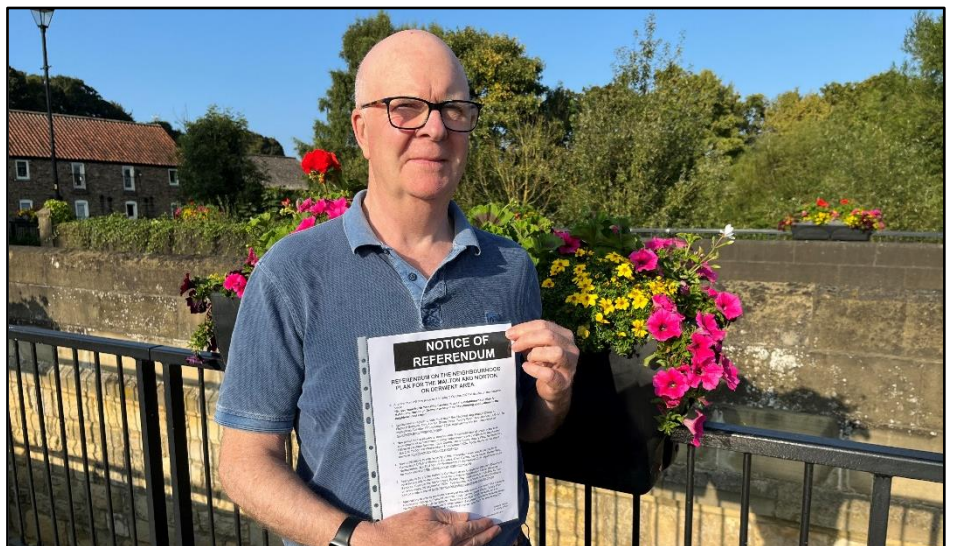
If you care about our towns and their future, PLEASE take the trouble to vote.

If supported by a majority, the Neighbourhood Plan will be adopted and will become part of the formal statutory planning framework. This means that all planning decisions will need to take into account the policies set out in the plan.

With the loss of Ryedale District Council and the formation of North Yorkshire Council and concerns about the loss of local representation, this provides our towns with very important safeguards. An adopted Neighbourhood Plan will also provide additional funding through the Community Infrastructure Levy to be spent locally.

Summarised, the vision in the Neighbourhood Plan is based on the rich heritage and culture of Malton and Norton, from their historical origins;

- New housing and employment growth and opportunities will be enabled, within the context of an even higher quality environment and improved infrastructure
- New and improved road, cycling and pedestrian links and the promotion of active travel will help to alleviate traffic congestion and air pollution in our town centres



Stephen Pritchard, leader of the team which finalised the plan, on County Bridge

- Tourism, which is vital to our towns, will continue to grow, powered by the twin engines of heritage and culture
- The local food and horse-racing industries, which are so much a part of the towns and their hinterland, will be supported and developed further
- The three conservation areas will be better protected, and their appearance and character enhanced by new development and other improvements
- The River Derwent is another jewel in our crown. The vision is of a Derwent that floods less (or not at all) and remains ecologically rich, but which offers sympathetic riverside enhancements and the positive use of under-utilised riverside land.
At its root, the vision states that people in our towns should be able to freely enjoy an

abundance of simple pleasures in a well-supported and fully serviced community. There is an aspiration to enjoy culturally rich and vibrant leisure opportunities, including improvement of existing services and the development of new facilities and wellness activities.

There will be three polling stations in Malton; the Milton Rooms, Old Malton Memorial Hall and the Rainbow Lane Community Centre.

There will be two polling stations in Norton; St Peters Church House and the Trinity Methodist Church Rooms. Polling hours are 7am to 10pm.

- To view the full Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting documents go to the link at northyorks.gov.uk/planning-and-conservation/planningpolicy/neighbourhood-planning/malton-and-norton-neighbourhood-plan

Keeping residents informed about local matters

Welcome to the new Malton & Norton Area Partnership newsletter

The Malton & Norton Area Partnership, known as MNAP for short, was created in the days when regional development was the job of Yorkshire Forward. It aims to carry out projects that span Malton, Norton and the surrounding areas.

MNAP is run by a broadly-based committee. It includes people nominated by Norton and Malton town councils, but it also has members drawn from community groups, local education and business.

A number of members are elected by the Annual General Meeting, which is open to the public, as are committee meetings.

The MNAP committee felt that there was a need to spread information about topical issues facing the area, along with news of community initiatives.

Currently, a milestone for the area is the long-awaited completion of a Neighbourhood Plan, which we cover in this issue. MNAP hopes to produce the newsletter quarterly.

Other issues that affect the whole community are being tackled by MNAP. They include flooding (including problems over sewage), deficiencies in the local road network and a bundle of potential projects stemming from the Neighbourhood Plan.

Feedback is very welcome and the newsletter will evolve in response to community reactions.

You can contact the editor by emailing editor@mnap.org.uk or for more general matters, contact MNAP at info@mnap.org.uk

There is also some information on the MNAP website at <https://mnap.org.uk>

New committee members who wish to be active in projects are welcome.

The Community Newsletter is sponsored by Norton and Malton town councils and North Yorkshire Council.

What do you think?



County Bridge closed in December 2023 by tractor-towed tankers pumping water from one side of Castlegate to the other, due to the lack of permanent flood alleviation infrastructure

Picture: Simon Thackray

Talking Point by Paul Andrews

I believe there is public support for the proposed development of 645 new houses at Beverley Road, Norton, as this will provide a new road to enable traffic to drive from Beverley Road to the A64 without passing through Norton town centre.

However, one wonders what is going to happen to the sewage from the proposed development. In a letter dated March 20, 2022 to the planning authority, Yorkshire Water note that the developers expect the new development to generate 31 litres of foul sewage per second.

This will be discharged into the combined public sewer which goes to Malton treatment works. The letter says this level of discharge is unacceptable, but Yorkshire Water would accept a discharge of 10 litres per second.

Surface water will be discharged separately into the river.

In the past, residents have complained that the existing combined sewerage and

drainage system built more than a century ago is inadequate to accommodate sewage disposal from modern developments in the expanded towns of Malton and Norton. So, it is difficult to understand how this ancient system will accommodate extra sewage from the Beverley Road site.

Neither Norton nor Malton town councils oppose the principle of this new development, but residents may be concerned about sewerage.

Some people may think that a decision on a planning application of this kind should be taken at the highest possible level. The Secretary of State has the power to call in planning applications.

What do residents think? Are we bothered about the discharge of an additional 10 litres per second of foul water into existing local sewers?

Should this decision be left to North Yorkshire, or should the Secretary of State be asked to call the application in?

Please write to the editor at editor@mnap.org.uk and let us have your views.

MNAP needs your help and expertise

The Malton and Norton Neighbourhood Plan includes a large number of projects based on feedback from the local community.

In many ways this is the most critical aspect of the plan as it sets out an agenda for change and it is only by making efforts to bring forward and deliver these initiatives and projects that our community will benefit.

The themes for these projects include:

- Transport and movement
- The environment
- Tourism and culture
- Heritage and design
- The horse racing industry

Some of these projects are large and long term - for example major transport enhancements - others are smaller and capable of being delivered in the short term.

MNAP (alongside both Malton and Norton town councils) have a key role in delivering these projects but is limited in resource and capacity.

MNAP is looking for experts across the communities who can bring expertise in these fields and are willing to commit some time in a voluntary capacity to help, either in a leadership role or as part of working groups.

If this of interest email info@mnap.org.uk for more information.

Let us know your opinion by emailing editor@mnap.org.uk

Ewe can't miss these three floral newcomers

Eagle-eyed pedestrians and motorists using Norton's Church Street will have noticed a new family of sheep among the flower beds.

The sheep - a ewe, right, and two lambs planted with seasonal flowers and foliage - were made specially for Norton on Derwent Town Council by members at Acorn Community Care, who are based in the town.

Di Keal, the Mayor of Norton, said: "The sheep were an idea that our town

clerk, Claire Eade, came up with to tidy up a long-neglected area in Church Street that had become very scruffy and overrun with weeds.

"We are delighted to have worked in partnership with Acorn Community Care, a thriving local charity, who have done a brilliant job producing and helping to installing the steel sculptures - they really brighten the entrance into Norton and we hope to plant them with different plants during the year."



Whenever there is a need, there are - the Lions!

By Dinah Keal

Malton, Norton & District Lions Club is part of Lions International and has met in Malton for more than 60 years, but many people don't know what being a Lion is all about.

The Lions is a charitable organisation that enjoys social events, but the main objective is supporting the local community by organising a range of activities to raise money for good causes locally, nationally and internationally.

Funds are raised through events such as race nights and the hugely popular Santa's Sleigh which tours the area every December and is a firm favourite with children and adults alike.

All the money raised is used to support people in Malton, Norton & District throughout the year, from individual requests for support from local people in need to events such as the Daffodil Run which takes older residents to visit the daffodils in Farndale, and a popular Older Persons' Summer Lunch, to subsidising fish & chips with a weekly delivery through the winter months.

The Lions also organise activities and days out for young carers, giving them a much-needed break from caring

responsibilities and an opportunity to get together, and run an annual trip on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway - complete with Leo the Lion - for children and families supported by Ryedale Special Families.

Recognising a growing need in the area, Lions also set up a service collecting surplus furniture and distributing it to individuals and families in the area in collaboration with partners in social services and housing.

Working with professional partners the Lions can also provide 'Starter Packs' for young people setting up home for the first time or others needing to start afresh, made up of essential bedding, kitchenware etc.

The Lions are always on the lookout for new members - if you would like to join!

The Club President 2024, Jim Lowry, said: "Being a Lion is all about serving your local community and making a difference - but we have a lot of fun along the way.

Do get in touch if you would like to know more about becoming a member."

• Malton, Norton & District Lions can be contacted on maltonnortonlions.co.uk/contact-us/

The Library of Things?

What's that? Well, the Library of Things Malton & Norton provides a place where local people can borrow things - like a library, but for normal household items.

There is a range of DIY and cleaning items including an electric tile saw, carpet cleaner, power washer, hedge trimmers and loads of gardening tools. Items for when children are visiting - car booster seats, toys and games. There is even a smart TV projector with surroundsound for your movie nights or Powerpoint presentations.

Please do check out what is available. You can find them all on the website

<https://libraryofthingsmn.lend-engine.com>

It is usually open at the Baptist Hall in Railway Street, Malton from 5pm to 7pm on Thursdays.

It started up in March and in the first year have saved members more than £3,500 that would have been spent had they purchased the items. The library is growing all the time and donations of good quality items are welcome.

Email libraryofthingsmn@gmail.com if you would like to donate something and you will be told if it is possible for it to be used. There is limited space, so if anyone knows of a storage unit that could be used, please let the library know.

Don't forget - your vote counts in the Neighbourhood Plan referendum!



Nickson's Deli



BIAS Store



The Patisserie

Estate opens doors for local businesses

by Rebecca Wilkin
Fitzwilliam Head of Estate, Malton

The Fitzwilliam Estate has ownership of commercial and residential property in Malton and has a vested interest in supporting the town and our occupiers.

Our property portfolio includes offices, shops, pubs, hotels, farms and a substantial amount of residential property in Malton and we are pleased to share news of recent activities.

We have been delighted to welcome a number of new occupiers and to assist with other business moves around town.

Recent transactions resulted in doors opening at

- 13 Finkle Street where Sally Hindle has opened **BIAS**, a clothing and lifestyle retailer with a Scandinavian influence. This store has relocated from Harrogate and to peek at what Sally offers in store before you visit, look up biasstores.co.uk
- 1 Saville Street, with a new sandwich shop venture opening for Andrew Crawford, trading as **&wiches**.
- 6 Saville Street welcomes back **Alison Turnbull**, who returns to Malton selling pre-loved ladies' designer and labelled clothing.
- 31 Yorkersgate office space welcomes **Harrowells Solicitors**, who provide a wide range of legal services and take occupation within our serviced office building.
- 33 Yorkersgate - the keys to this property have been secured by the family business of **Kerala Restaurant** from Leeds, specialising in South Indian



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cuisine. We look forward to the family expanding their restaurant operation with a new dining experience at the former India premises on Yorkersgate.

- 23a Wheelgate - Chantel Nickson has recently opened the doors of **Nickson's Yorkshire Deli**, serving up delicious Yorkshire produce and food offerings and being a vibrant addition to Wheelgate.
- 31-33 Wheelgate sees a business change with **Jhoots Pharmacy Limited** having purchased a collection of Boots stores including the Malton one.
- Additionally, the Estate has been delighted to assist Andrew Harper Walker and **The Patisserie** Malton team in completing works to facilitate business expansion to occupy the first floor at 14 Saville Street and customers can now enjoy the wonderful addition of the courtyard seating area.
- Malton-based brewery **Brass Castle**, who are Britain's best brewer of vegan and gluten-free craft beer, have also taken the keys to 31 Horsemarket Road to assist their ever-expanding business operation, supplying beer across the UK and beyond.
- On Saville Street, Rachel Rodgers has successfully opened her hair salon with a

team of stylists at **House of Hair** at number 3.

- Across the road, the family run independent wine retailer **Tate-Smith Limited** has taken a retail presence with **Derwentio Wines**, trading at 2 Saville Street.

- Finally, the ink has just dried on the letting to **Acorn Community Care**, a local charity based in Norton providing care and support for adults living with learning and physical disabilities. We are delighted to support this business with its expansion as they move into Barton Cottage on York Road.

Coming soon

- We are delighted that Alison Spaven will expand her **Wythwood Gallery** (currently located at the Shambles) with a new opening at 9 Finkle Street - look out for Alison's new crafting workshops!
- The Estate has finished work at 17 Market Place and is thrilled to support Clara Challoner Walker as she continues to expand the **Cosy Cottage** business and move into nearby but larger premises.

Residential properties

Alongside the busy commercial property lettings, we have also welcomed several new residential tenants to live in our houses and flats across the town.

The Estate is actively participating in the **Homes for Ukraine Scheme** and following the successful hosting of a family from Kherson, we have been very pleased to extend this to recently provide additional accommodation for a couple who have joined us from Kharkov.

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