

Feature

Enterprising Scarborough: more good news stories



A 'great' town: National nomination

Scarborough has been shortlisted for the Great Town Award by the Academy of Urbanism. The Urbanism Awards publicly recognise the best, most enduring or most improved urban environments. Categories include: The European City of the Year Award, The Great Town Award, The Great Neighbourhood Award, and The Great Place Award.

Scarborough is one of ten entries shortlisted for the Great Town Award, up against Chester, Harrogate, Stroud, Tenby, Cambridge, Armagh in Northern Ireland, Dungarvan in the Republic of Ireland, and Perth and Lerwick in Scotland. Out of the ten shortlisted towns three finalists will be announced at the Nominations Dinner in Gateshead, Newcastle on 14 May with the final Awards Ceremony taking place at Church House, adjacent to Westminster Abbey in London on 20 November.

Scarborough has been nominated because 'it is a most distinctive town' and has benefited from 'locally driven renaissance in recent years'. 'The resort offers a variety of culture and visitor attractions such as the award winning Sea Life Marine Sanctuary, Scarborough Art Gallery and the newly refurbished Rotunda, along with many festivals, including Seafest, Jazz, Bike Week, Scarborough Fayre and the Scarborough Cricket Festival.'

All of the Urbanism Award entries are registered on the academy's website, www.academyofurbanism.org.uk accompanied by appropriate supporting material for each nomination.



A digital town: Save9 one of the best in Yorkshire

Scarborough-based IT consultancy, Save9 Ltd, was nominated for the prestigious 'Best IT Consultancy in Yorkshire Award' at the 2009 Yorkshire Digital Awards. This successful awards programme, now in its tenth year, acknowledges and promotes digital companies in Yorkshire and the Humber who push the bar in creativity and technological prowess.

2008 was a busy year for Save9 who have secured a number of high-profile contracts in the region - most notably the provision of a complete business centre IT infrastructure at the £5m Woodend Creative Workspace project in Scarborough plus a high profile content managed website and IT support services for NYnet, the largest public sector broadband initiative in Europe. The digital community in Yorkshire contributes £1.2bn to the economy and the Best IT Consultancy award looks to honour the company that can show how it has helped Yorkshire's businesses to grow and demonstrate how their advice and support has added value to their clients' businesses as a whole.

Save9's managing director, Steve Bromham, explains how his firm adds value to Yorkshire business via the adoption of new technology; "The variety of our product portfolio is absolutely critical to Save9's success, especially when you consider that smaller based IT companies like ourselves are expected to deliver a wide range of IT services to satisfy the demands of both large and small customers in multiple industry sectors throughout Yorkshire. Technology is also changing every week so our biggest challenge is to constantly innovate - ensuring we always stay one step ahead of the competition."

Richard Askew, Save9's Technical Manager explains; "New mass market technologies like the Apple iPhone allow us to extend the reach and scope of traditional websites so we can now compete more effectively with established web design agencies in cities such as Leeds, Sheffield and York. Save9 is also currently developing BlackBerry mobile phone applications for customers so they can reach a whole new section of the public in new and engaging ways. It's an incredibly exciting time to be in the internet industry."

With such notable clients as Pindar plc, British Antarctic Survey and Sonoco, it is expected that the quality and cost advantages of new Save9 internet services will be a vital part of its growing success story throughout 2009 and beyond. For further information on Save9 visit their website at www.save9.com.

A learning town: Free training for employers

The Centre for Lifelong Learning at the University of Hull has secured funding from the Yorkshire and Humber East Lifelong Learning Network to help employers in the Scarborough and Ryedale areas to address higher level skills needs in the region.

Using the University's Foundation Award, it can offer both core and bespoke learning opportunities at Level 4 in a wide range of skills to meet the training needs of both the organisation and individuals. Delivery is flexible and can be arranged to suit organisational needs, taking place either within the University or on employers' premises.

If you would like to take advantage of this free training opportunity, which is only available until December 2009, then contact Jeanette MacNaught on 01723 357395 or e-mail J.MacNaught@hull.ac.uk



A creative town: Creative Coast to reach out

Creative Coast - the network for the creative industries on the North Yorkshire Coast and an Action Group of the Scarborough Town Team - has been given funding by Science City York to continue its work networking, supporting and promoting the area's creatives.

Chairperson Adrian Riley believes that 2009 will be an exciting year for the area's creative sector which includes artists, designers, web developers, writers and film makers: "We'll be responding to our members requests to reach out and spread the word about the quality of the local creative scene across Yorkshire and the Humber and then further afield. Our aim is to firmly establish the North Yorkshire Coast as a hot bed of creative talent. Having won Enterprising Britain gives us a story to share - we'll use it to bring work into the town and to network our members with creatives across the region."

More details about Creative Coast's activities will appear in a future issue of this newsletter. You can contact adrian by emailing: chair@creativecoast.net

About our sponsor

First TransPennine Express (FTPE) is delighted to sponsor Scarborough's Future newsletter.

FTPE has been closely linked to Scarborough's future from the very first day when we won the rail franchise to run inter-city and inter-urban services throughout the north of England - February 1st, 2004.

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With nearly 6,000 seats daily between Scarborough, York and Leeds, First TransPennine Express connects Scarborough with the key centres in the north east and across to Greater Manchester and Merseyside.



A business town: Award for business park

The building of Scarborough Business Park has been singled out as a prime example of 'sound business judgement and operational expertise' at the Government Business Awards. The £10million, 83 acre business park was awarded the Regeneration Project Award at the ceremony at Arsenal's Emirates Stadium beating competition from projects in Stockport, Fife, Alledale and North East Derbyshire.

The criteria for the award was 'a local authority regeneration project that has been completed within budget and has improved the living and working conditions of residents and the local business community'. The partnership between business, residents, voluntary sector and the council's regeneration team is one of the key's to the success of Scarborough's Renaissance and was the central theme of Scarborough's Enterprising Britain winning entry.



Scarborough's Enterprising Britain win: <http://snurl.com/ht2gd>

Dates Renaissance events

MAY 2009

Tuesday 19 Town Team, 7.00 pm, Cavalier Suite, Royal Hotel

Why not get involved?
The Town Team meeting is the perfect opportunity to get up to speed with Scarborough's Renaissance projects and to find out about the action groups who focus on specific aspects of Scarborough's future. All meetings are open to everyone who wishes to attend - just turn up.

Thursday 28 Harbour, Sandside and Piers Action Group, 6.00 pm, Business Centre, Aurborough Street

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Wednesday 3 Arts, Culture and Festivals, 5.00 pm, SJT

Thursday 4 Transport Group, 5.30 pm, Renaissance Centre

Thursday 4 Forum for Tourism, 7.30 pm, Scarborough Bowls Centre

Thursday 11 Urban Space Group, 7.15 pm, Cavalier Suite, Royal Hotel

Tuesday 16 Town Team, 7.00 pm, Cavalier Suite, Royal Hotel

Monday 22 Creative Coast with North Yorkshire Open Studios: 'Creating Spaces' with Jane Poulton & Rachel Howfield. 1-4pm at Woodend Creative Workspace. £5/£2NUS

Thursday 25 Harbour, Sandside and Piers Action Group, 6.00 pm, Business Centre, Aurborough Street



John Creighton at Crescent Artspace

Also happening in Scarborough... MAY

Saturday 16 Scarborough Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic Sunshine, 7.30pm, The Spa*

16 May - 28 Jun John Creighton: Recent Painting & Drawings. Crescent Artspace at Woodend. Tuesdays - Saturdays 11am-5pm

Sat 23 - Sun 24 Barry Sheene International Classic Race Festival, Oliver's Mount

Sat 23 - Mon 25 Scarborough Castle Wartime Weekend, 11am-5pm*

Monday 25 Geologist for a day, 10am-4pm, Rotunda Museum*

Tue 26 - Sun 31 Scarborough Castle Time Travellers Go ...Secrets & Spies*

Thursday 28 Print, Paint & Potter 11am-4pm, Scarborough Art Gallery*

Saturday 30 British Championship Ladies Motor Trials, Scarborough

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Sunday 7 British Long Distance Swimming Association, Open Water Swimming, Wykeham Lakes

Saturday 13 Great Yorkshire Bike Ride, Filey Country Park

Sunday 14 Race for Life, Oliver's Mount

Fr 19 - Sun 21 Scarborough Open Swimming Gala (A and B Grades)

Saturday 20 Transport & Travel, 11am-4pm, Rotunda Museum*

* Please note, charges/restrictions apply



Details of events can also be found at:
www.discoveryyorkshirecoast.com/content/whats_on
and www.heightmagazine.com

If you have an event you would like us to publicise, please let us know.