

CALDER HOLMES PARK PEOPLES MILLIONS



The PEOPLES MILLIONS Winning Play Design

Hebden Royd Town Council is pleased to be able to announce the winner from the £100,000 tendered designs for Calder Holmes Park play area. After completion of the open sessions, display of plans at the Council Offices, Calder Holmes Park and Riverside School the votes have been counted.

The winning company is Hags Play Ltd.

Chris Holroyd, Calderdale Playgrounds Officer says:

‘I am very impressed with the extent and the detail of the consultation and personally enjoyed the enthusiasm and commitment of the kids at Riverside School in relation to the process as whole’

Hags’s design divides the play area in to two parts via a curvy path. The older kid’s area includes a large play structure with turrets and flume slide, a DDA (Disabled Discrimination Accessible) buddy swing, a Multi – Pondo sea saw, two flat seat swings and a cone web climber.

The younger children’s’ area includes a smaller climbing frame with slide, two basket swings, the Mayflower – a rocking boat, two Springies and a DDA roundabout.

The play area will also have a new tarmac top surface and safety surfacing with patches of colour and sett edging around the equipment.

A flower bed will be created along the riverside of the play area, to help deal with the problem of the raised tree roots and soften the play area edge.

Hebden Royd Town Council has also secured £15,000 for the Friends of Calder Holmes Park group for the paddling pool area. This will be carried out as a separate scheme.

Works are planned to start towards the beginning of May. Unfortunately this does mean that the play area will be closed for approximately eight weeks but the plan is for it to open in good time for the school holidays. Apologies in advance for any inconvenience that this will cause but the new play area will be worth the wait.

It should be noted that image shown is from the original tender document – the actual scheme including positioning of equipment does vary slightly from this.

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Wishes Granted

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| Rough Magic Film production | 1,000.00 | The World on your Doorstep Festival Costs | 6,000.00 |
| Alternative Technology Centre Database - Local Growers | 950.00 | Friends of Calder Holmes Park Start-up Costs | 500.00 |
| Hebden Royd Partnership Lighting Column embellishments | 2,150.00 | Mytholmroyd Station Partnership Tools & Storage | 750.00 |
| St Michael’s Amateurs 100 Chairs | 2,000.00 | Kerbside (Calderdale) Mobile Phone Recycling | 1,269.00 |

Organisations supported

Arts Festival
Hebden Bridge Junior Band
Community Service
Calderdale
Ground Floor Project

Mytholmroyd Community Centre
Royd Regeneration
Walkers are Welcome

SPRING CLEAN 2008 STARTS WITH A BANG



Well done Class 8JL of Calder High School who collected more litter from around Banksfield Estate than did the entire school last year. Environmental Community Warden, Jason Boom said, "The Spring Clean Weekend, 19th/20th April gives us all an opportunity to look after places close to where we live. We'll be supporting residents to remove litter from areas near to them or areas in which they are interested"

COUNCIL LAUNCHES NEW GRANTS PROGRAMME

Hebden Royd Town Council is looking for new applicants to its revamped grants programme.

Cllr Joanna Beacroft-Mitchell, leader of the working party that has overhauled the system said, "We've been working to the same system for a few years now, and we thought we needed to look more closely at how our grant money could make a bigger difference to everyone in Hebden Royd".

"We tend to get a lot of repeat applications from the same groups or the same kinds of events and projects, they all do fantastic work, but Council was concerned that it might be missing some community groups who don't know we have grants to award. This new system makes it easier for groups to ask for small amounts whilst ensuring that our bigger grants have the greatest possible impact on the community", she added. Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell (Independent – Cragg Vale ward) was supported on the

working group by Cllr Christine Bampton-Smith (Lib Dem Caldene Ward) Cllr Stewart Brown (Lab West End Ward) Cllr Nader Fekri (Lib Dem West End Ward) and Cllr Michelle Foster (Lab Birchcliffe Ward)

The Revised Programme The grants budget for 2008/9 of £75,000 has been split into three tiers.

Grants up to £500 will fill in a short 2 page application form and will be fast tracked through to the next available council meeting.

Grants over £500 will fill in the same form but will be asked to attend a meeting of the newly formed Grants Committee to discuss their application. The committee will then make recommendations to the Council.

All successful groups will be asked to report back to the Council on how the grant made a difference.

"We have asked the council officers to look at the funding we've given out over the past 4 years, to see

where there are gaps in funding which we want to fill, and what has worked well in the past. The Council wants to make sure its grant money reaches as many residents as possible and improves the quality of life in the whole area", said Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell

"We particularly hope to see new applicant groups who meet a need we haven't considered before, or do something particularly innovative. At the same time we still want to hear from those established groups who just need a bit of help with running costs, it's a question of getting the balance right".

As well as these large and small grants, the Council will look to work more closely with some larger community projects through Partnership Grants.

"Groups who want to be considered for Partnership Grants should get in touch as soon as possible. They will need to send us some sort of plan and budget for their idea and successful

groups will have support from the Council and it's officers for up to 3 years, they will also need to have a member of Council attend their committee meetings to ensure that the project is running well and the grant is effective. We will ask them to provide a full report every year to publicise their work with us"

The Mayor of Hebden Royd, Cllr Nader Fekri said "I am really excited about the new look grants programme, we've supported local community and voluntary groups for years but it's time we took a fresh look at what is going on in our communities. The Partnership Grants are particularly exciting and I hope we will hear from groups or projects that complement the ongoing community work of the Council."

For further details on applying for a grant from Hebden Royd Town Council, contact Hebden Royd Town Council on 01422 842181.

COUNCIL OFFICE BID TO BIG LOTTERY FAILS

We're carrying on! That was the upbeat message from the Hebden Bridge Partnership team planning the future of the town's historic Council Offices to the news this week that their ambitious bid for capital funding for the building from a lottery fund had fallen at the last hurdle.

Hebden Bridge Partnership (the umbrella group for community groups locally) has been working closely with Calderdale council in detailed proposals for the Council Offices to increase its potential for community and civic use. The listed building, which has been a landmark in the town since the 1890s, has in recent years become underutilised. The proposals include opening the former housing offices at the rear as a new function room and public hall for Hebden Bridge.

"It's disappointing that our bid for much needed capital work on the building hasn't

been successful, but the planning work which we've done over the past few months will stand us in good stead. We're not taking no for an answer, and will now be taking a serious look at other options for the way ahead," said Andrew Bibby, joint project coordinator.

The capital grant bid, to the government's Community Assets programme (managed by Big Lottery Fund), was for about £800,000 submitted by Hebden Bridge Partnership and Calderdale council jointly. Calderdale councillor Janet Battye is the other project coordinator.

The project, which has attracted support from over seventy Hebden Bridge groups and organisations, has also been enthusiastically supported by two national organisations who are working closely with the project team on other



sources of funding. "We owe it to the town not to give up at this point. We're sure that in the long term we can turn the Council Offices building into a valuable and vibrant centre for community life," Andrew

Bibby added.

The project team gives an updated progress report on their website www.hb-bridgecentre.org.uk. The latest issue of the project newsletter will be out shortly.

BAN PLASTIC BAGS CAMPAIGN

Well done and thank you to everyone in Hebden Bridge and surrounding areas, you are the second UK town to go for plastic bag free and we've done really well...everywhere people are using their own shopping bags. Over 140 other towns and cities are going plastic bag free with the press and media giving this campaign a huge boost and forcing government to look at a plastic bag tax. Hebden Bridge is leading the way on this environmentally friendly movement.

Traders who have supported the campaign will soon receive recognition from Hebden Royd's

Mayor, Nader Fekri who will be presenting certificates to those that have signed up to the campaign

.....at the last count 59 shops were plasticbagfree 17 were offering alternatives to plastic bags 27 still using plastic bags for various reasons, many traders are phasing out plastic bags

The Cooperative has reported that it has reduced plastic bag use by 40% and is selling 200 more bags for life, 220 cotton Fairtrade bags, 500 home compostable bags and 30 Hebden Bridge cotton tote

bags a week.

.....did you know?

a cotton shopping bag, string bag or basket on average saves 1,000 plastic bags being used.

anything degrades with time, so beware accepting 'degradable' plastic bags – it's still a plastic bag and it's no good as it can't even be recycled! Try to use your own bags, but do look out for the Home Compostable Biobags – we know they are not as strong – that's why your own shopping bag is better.

A net bag trial is coming soon. Look out for Kerbside's trial of a net bag to separate your recycling

so that as plastic bags become scarce residents can still separate their recycling.

a new colour plasticbagfree Hebden Bridge strong recycled cotton bag is coming soon. The first 1,000 bags sold out, and a new order is to be placed in a new colour – watch out for these. Black compostable corn starch doggie bags are available from the ATC, Blazing Saddles and the Menagerie Pet Shop. Dispersers are in place in Calder Holmes Park and the Memorial Gardens.

You can stuff a lot of shopping in a string bag; they are great for pockets and handbags so you don't forget them.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ON HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

| Town Councillor | Address | Telephone | Council Attendance | |
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| | | | Possible | Actual |
| James Allison White Lee Ward | The Vicarage, Brier Hey Lane Mytholmroyd HX7 5PJ | 883130 | 35 | 20 |
| Christine Bampton-Smith Caldene Ward (Luddendenfoot)* | 6 Calder Grove Mytholmroyd HX7 5AG | 881073 | 32 | 25 |
| John Beacroft-Mitchell Cragg Vale Ward | 10 Cleveley Gardens Mytholmroyd HX7 5JE | 883732 | 34 | 24 |
| Joanna Beacroft-Mitchell Cragg Vale Ward | 10 Cleveley Gardens Mytholmroyd HX7 5JE | 883732 | 28 | 13 |
| Karl Boggis Caldene Ward | 8 Dale View Mytholmroyd | 884419 | 3 | 2 |
| Stewart Brown West End Ward | 29 Nutclough Hebden Bridge HX7 8HA | 845596 | 36 | 31 |
| Robin Dixon West End Ward | 5 Cliffe Royd Hebden Bridge HX7 8DJ | 842992 | 32 | 24 |
| Nader Fekri (Town Mayor) West End Ward (Calder)* | 7 Hope Street Hebden Bridge HX7 8AG | 843316 | 39 | 25 |
| Michelle Foster Birchcliffe Ward | Carr Well, New Road Luddenden HX2 6QN | 883312 | 32 | 24 |
| Gian Gabbi White Lee Ward | 13 Hullett Drive Mytholmroyd HX7 5QR | 883409 | 26 | 13 |
| Catherine Groves Fairfield Ward | 5 Cliffe Royd Hebden Bridge HX7 8DJ | 842992 | 28 | 23 |
| Lesley Jones Fairfield Ward | 76 Palace House Road Hebden Bridge HX7 6HW | 844196 | 29 | 28 |
| Janet Oosthuysen Birchcliffe Ward | 11 Unity Street Hebden Bridge HX7 8HQ | 842054 | 32 | 23 |
| Susan Press (Deputy Town Mayor) Fairfield Ward | 83 Bridge Lanes Hebden Bridge HX7 6AT | 845276 | 31 | 27 |
| Jade Smith White Lee | 10 Acacia Grove Mytholmroyd | 881073 | 3 | 3 |
| Dr Michael Smith Caldene Ward | 6 Calder Grove Mytholmroyd HX7 5AG | 881073 | 29 | 17 |
| Scott Trickett Cragg Vale Ward | 9 Moorland Cottages, Cragg Vale Hebden Bridge HX7 5TW | 884909 | 36 | 20 |
| Dave Young Birchcliffe Ward | 14 Unity Street Hebden Bridge HX7 8HQ | 846804 | 33 | 33 |

* Denotes Calderdale MBC Councillor

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Your news or views:

Name and Address (Optional):

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