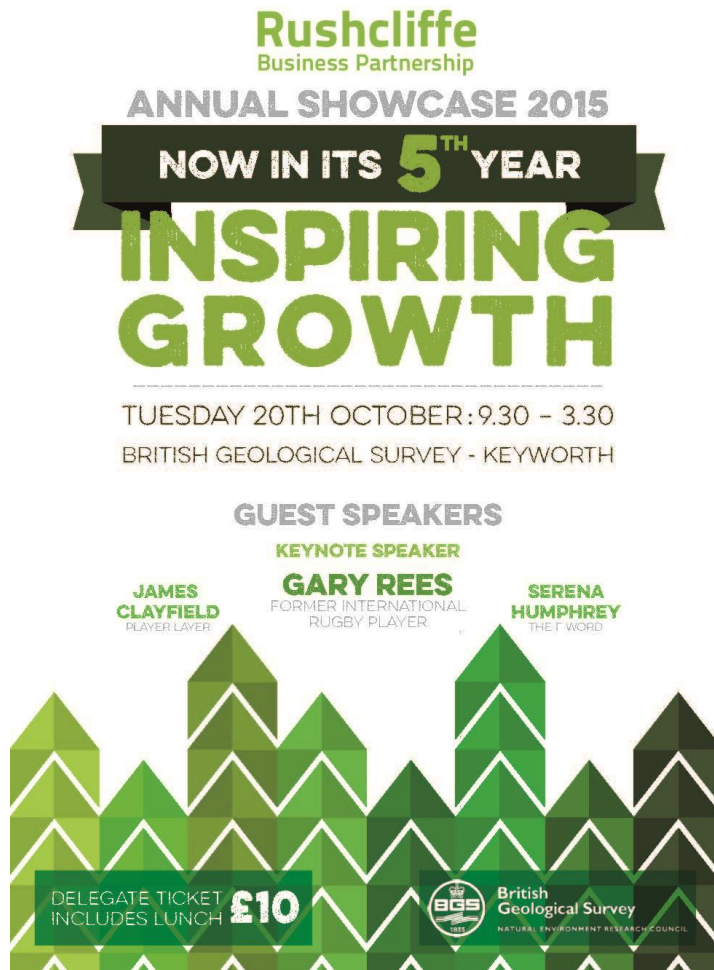


October 2015

Annual business showcase



Rushcliffe
Business Partnership

ANNUAL SHOWCASE 2015
NOW IN ITS 5TH YEAR
INSPIRING
GROWTH

TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER: 9.30 - 3.30
BRITISH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY - KEYWORTH

GUEST SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
GARY REES
FORMER INTERNATIONAL
RUGBY PLAYER

JAMES CLAYFIELD
PLAYER LAYER

SERENA HUMPHREY
THE F WORD

DELEGATE TICKET
INCLUDES LUNCH £10

BGS
British
Geological Survey
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

There's still time to book for what promises to be **the** business event of the year – the Rushcliffe Business Partnership showcase event on Tuesday 20 October from 9.30am to 3.30pm at the British Geological Survey in Keyworth. Book via Eventbrite at <http://bit.ly/1jCtOkz>

'Inspiring Growth' is our 5th annual showcase event for businesses. The event features expert speakers and opportunities to discover the secrets of further success.

Keynote speakers are:

Gary Rees, former international rugby player, who conveys his experiences of peak performance and success to inspire others.

Serena Humphrey of The F Word has spent the past 20 years researching why businesses fail and will be talking about how to build a financially resilient business.

James Clayfield of PlayerLayer, one of Nottingham's fastest growing firms, will be speaking about how to develop a turn-key business.

Over 200 business people are expected – make sure you are one of them. More about the event at <http://bit.ly/1jDbBTK>

Funding for rural areas

As part of the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership's plan to boost economic growth, they have opened calls for funding to support projects in rural areas as part of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.



The funding available is to:

- Help new or established small rural businesses to expand and create jobs. The deadline for an outline application is 27 November. The grants could be used for:
 - Farm diversification
 - Rural food and drinks manufacturers
- Develop and market tourism in rural areas in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. The deadline for outline applications is Friday 8 January 2016 at 5pm. The aim is to grow the visitor economy in rural areas through:
 - developing and marketing new tourism activity
 - targeting new markets
 - increasing the length of stay and associated visitor spend

Grants will range in size from £35,000 to £140,000 and can cover up to 40% of a total project's costs. Projects must have a total value of at least £87,500 to be eligible for funding. More information is available on the [gov.uk website](http://gov.uk).

Bright future for Bridgford Hall

Rushcliffe is excited to receive confirmation that the Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded the Council £1.5m to secure the long term future of the much-loved Grade II listed Bridgford Hall. Located in Bridgford Park, West Bridgford, the building's renovation will also be made possible thanks to £800,000 from the Borough Council.

More about the plans at <http://on.fb.me/1Vu8fOSless>

YouNG



YouNG aims to address the issue that many young people, whilst exceptionally well qualified, do not have - the 'soft skills' they need for working life. YouNG links schools and industry together to ensure that young people have the chance to grow and develop before they leave full time education.

Bill Orridge and Laura Webb have recently joined YouNG as the new Business Administration

Interns. Bill is a placement student from Loughborough University and Laura is a graduate of Sheffield Hallam University. She will be expanding the service into Gedling Borough.



By working with YouNG, businesses can make a real impact on the lives of potential future employees. You can inspire them to take up a career that they were

unsure about or begin the development of key skills that will serve them for life. You can increase your brand awareness with young people in the area, as YouNG maintains close links with all the local secondary schools. YouNG is also developing an accreditation to recognise those businesses who commit to the development of future talent.

YouNG is looking to work with businesses that are willing to offer work experience to people aged 14 to 21. Please get in touch with either Bill or Laura at worridge@rushcliffe.gov.uk or on 0115 9148 330.

Cotgrave Town Centre plans

Outline plans for Cotgrave town centre went on display in September. People dropped in to Cotgrave Futures Building and gave us their views. On display were proposed layouts for the town centre, images of what the town centre might look like, some of the detail behind the options and the likely length of time the proposed changes could take to be implemented.

Revitalising the town centre is part of the masterplan to reinvigorate Cotgrave. Work has already started on building 470 new homes at Hollygate Park and some employment space on the former colliery site, and show homes are now open for viewing. There are two options for the town centre which will result in a new library, health centre, multi-service and start-up business centre. However, one option is based upon a refurbishment and reutilisation of existing retail units, and one is based upon the demolition and rebuilding of some retail units.

The displays are available at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/cotgrave

Hollygate Park, Cotgrave - children learn lessons in site safety

Pupils at Candleby Lane School in Cotgrave have enjoyed an afternoon out of the classroom to learn about safety around construction sites at Barratt and David Wilson Homes' Hollygate Park development.

The youngsters, aged between seven and nine, also found out more about the project taking place at Hollygate Park, gaining an insight into the building process, and were taken on a tour of the show homes.

As part of the visit, pupils were kitted out in protective hard hats and hi-visibility vests to further emphasise the need to take care around the site.



Hollygate Park is an exclusive development of two, three, four and five-bedroom homes set in the heart of the Nottinghamshire countryside. Located on Hollygate Lane, the development sits

adjacent to Cotgrave Country Park and boasts great local schools, shops and countryside attractions nearby. It also has excellent road links for commuters, making it an ideal location for a variety of homebuyers. There will also be industrial units on the site – more about this in a future newsletter.

A better Bingham and a better Radcliffe

Rushcliffe is booming and has set up 'growth boards' to maximise the opportunities for business and residents. These boards comprise leading organisations with a key role in the area, such as councils, local business, schools, leisure providers and health organisations.

The three boards focus on Cotgrave, West Bridgford and a combined one for Bingham and Radcliffe on Trent, due to their shared issues.

The first Bingham/Radcliffe board meeting was held in late September where the priorities established were car parking, trains not stopping frequently, transport issues, empty shops and the need for a bustling high street.

Bingham and Radcliffe are both very active communities and there are hopes to set up community plan in Bingham and a neighbourhood plan in Radcliffe. Bingham recently undertook a public consultation and received over 1900 responses, which are in the process of being reviewed. Radcliffe public consultation is due to start on 8 October 2015:

<http://www.rotpc.com/neighbourhood-plan/>

Referendum on a Neighbourhood Plan for East Leake

The Borough Council has accepted recommendations that East Leake should have a Neighbourhood Plan. The next step is to hold a referendum among voters in the parish and this takes place on Thursday 19 November 2015. Neighbourhood planning gives local communities the opportunity to plan for their local areas and decide what the place should look like and how it should develop and grow in the future. It can be used to choose where new homes, shops and offices should be built, what those new buildings should look like, to influence the design and functionality of open spaces and grant planning permission for the new buildings.

Changes to health and safety

From 1 October 2015, if you are self-employed and your work activity poses no potential risk to the health and safety of other workers or members of the public, then health and safety law will not apply to you. It is estimated that health and safety law will no longer apply to 1.7 million self-employed people like novelists, journalists, graphic designers, accountants, confectioners, financial advisors and online traders.

More at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/self-employed/index.htm>

Workplace health

In January 2015 Nottinghamshire County Council awarded a four year obesity prevention and weight management service to Everyone Health. As part of this service, they are supporting workplaces to implement physical activity, healthy eating and weight management sections of the Nottinghamshire Well-being at Work 'Workplace Health Awards Scheme'.

Substantial evidence suggests a happy and healthy workforce is a productive one. The main causes of illness now are smoking, poor diet, physical inactivity, mental health issues and drinking too much alcohol.

There are many benefits of businesses joining the Workplace Health Awards Scheme:

- It's free
- Free training for your health champion (RSPH Level 2 Understanding Health Improvement, motivational interviewing, brief intervention)
- Free health resources
- Access to the corporate leisure centre membership at your local leisure centre
- Support to improve the productivity of your employees through increasing their knowledge and empowering them to prevent ill-health and improve their lifestyles
- It demonstrates good practice by promoting positive health and well-being of employees
- Improved staff retention

More details from Alex Julian at Everyone Health on 07802 873217, or email alexjulian@everyonehealth.co.uk.

West Bridgford Online

Chris Mullarkey, owner of West Bridgford Online, got in touch after reading our business newsletter to tell us about his business.

Chris set up the business in 2011 with the main aim of bringing information about all the bars and hostelrys together in one place. The brand has developed and is now expanding to cover other areas such as food and social events.

Chris described the business as being "more about West Bridgford lifestyle, than West Bridgford community news." If you want to know about great deals when socialising, visiting Bridgford or dining out, then this is the site to visit. Chris also runs a data analysis and visualisation business as well as the Total Nottingham site which covers the city centre.



Like them on Facebook, follow them on Twitter or see the website to keep up to date.

Contact:

<http://www.westbridgfordonline.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/westbridgfordonline>

@westbridgfordol

Construction 'Meet the Buyers' Event for the Nottinghamshire area

Nottingham City Council in partnership with CITB are working to deliver the Joint Investment Strategy for the construction sector. This project includes a commitment to support local construction businesses to grow and to prosper. Partners are organising a 'Meet the Buyers' event to connect local suppliers of construction services to the main buyers that are active across the Nottinghamshire area. To date the following buyers have confirmed that they will be attending the event;

- GF Tomlinson
- Wates
- Wilmott Dixon
- Robert Woodhead
- Bowmer and Kirkland

The Meet the Buyers event will be held on Wednesday 11 November at the new NCN Basford Hall College, 8am until 2pm. To register an interest in attending this event email Nathan.wilkins@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Small Business Saturday

It's Small Business Saturday on 5 December - the national campaign which encourages people to shop local, support small businesses where they live and which highlights successful small businesses.

More details: <https://www.smallbusinesssaturdayuk.com/>

Keep up to date

The Borough Council employs an Economic Growth Manager, Catherine Evans, and if you want help or advice on growing your business in Rushcliffe, get in touch with Catherine at cevens@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Keep up to date with our news on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/rushcliffe-borough-council>

The next newsletter will be published in January, so please contact Nicky Mee at nmee@rushcliffe.gov.uk if you would like your business to be featured

The residents' magazine, *Rushcliffe Reports*, will be sent to businesses in the next couple of weeks. If you would like to be featured in the next edition which is due out in March 2016, email rushcliffereports@rushcliffe.gov.uk