

newsletter

Building a workforce for the future

Construction Leeds has announced plans to work with Holbeck Urban Village and other initiatives, to create more than 300 skilled jobs in the surrounding communities of Holbeck and Beeston Hill by the end of 2007.

Construction Leeds, part of the Leeds Initiative, will put developers from the urban village in touch with unemployed people in local communities, helping to reduce unemployment by securing sustainable jobs in the construction sector.

Not only will this open up a chance of a job for many local people, particularly those who are long-term unemployed, but it will also provide training and qualifications to allow people to go onto further construction jobs once developments are completed.

A number of developers, due to start on site in Holbeck Urban Village over the next year, have expressed an interest in talking to the local workforce regarding construction employment opportunities.

A dedicated Construction Leeds outreach worker will be the link between community groups and residents in Holbeck and Beeston, and the developers of Holbeck Urban Village. The new initiative is expected to be officially launched next month.

**For further information contact:
Rob Wolfe on 0113 247 0913**

The Making of Manor Mills

K W Linfoot is on site in Holbeck Urban Village with its flagship scheme, Manor Mills, which is being developed in partnership with award winning residential design company YOO.

One of the first developments in Holbeck Urban Village, the scheme comprises of 277 apartments over nine floors with small retail units on the ground floor. Limited numbers of smartpads and studios are available at Manor Mills, along with one and two-bedroom apartments.

YOO has achieved critical acclaim since its formation in 1999, following the teaming of Manhattan Loft Corporation founding partner, John Hitchcox, with internationally-celebrated designer and architect, Philippe Starck.

Involved in the project from an early stage, YOO worked on all visual aspects and strong design elements of the development, including communal

areas, building facades, apartment floor layouts and overall interior design. The collaboration is YOO's very first in the North of England and only their second in the UK.

John Hitchcox, chairman of YOO commented: "We are extremely excited about our new partnership with K W Linfoot and the Manor Mills scheme – YOO's first UK project in eight years. Leeds is the perfect location for our next UK project; a great fit with YOO's dynamic and innovative design style."

Kevin Linfoot is delighted to be on site creating his vision for the scheme in Holbeck Urban Village's southern corner: "We are just really pleased to be actually creating this after so long in the planning stages. The response has been fantastic and 90% of the apartments were already sold before construction commenced. It is a fantastic opportunity for us to bring something truly unique to the Leeds residential market."



Tower Works moves forward

Yorkshire Forward is in the final stages of selecting a developer for the Tower Works site in the heart of the urban village. Negotiations are underway with ISIS, the UK's leading waterside property developer.

The 2.5 acre historic site was bought by the regional development agency in 2005 and there has since been fierce competition from leading regeneration experts for the chance to develop this unique site.

Mike Finkill, regeneration director for Isis commented: "We are delighted to have been selected as the preferred developer on what has to be one of the most interesting and exciting sites for development in Leeds. Isis is already involved in regenerating and animating the waterfront at Granary Wharf and now, with Tower Works, Leeds is set to have one of the best waterside communities in the UK, which will be sustainable in every sense of the word."

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Vera Media launches new internet radio station

On Thursday 30th November 2006 at 5.15pm precisely, multimedia production and training organisation Vera Media launched new radio station, Leeds eleven FM, live over the internet.

The new station is the first ever community radio station in the Leeds 11 area and covers news and events specific to this local community. The features and events will be provided by people and community groups in the area.

Lord Mayor of Leeds and local councillor Mohammed Iqbal formally launched Leeds eleven's first ever radio station at the Hamara Centre in Beeston, where Vera Media has its community media base.

The first Leeds eleven FM broadcast includes welcome messages in local community languages, from Bengali and Urdu to Polish and French, and messages of support from Leeds eleven FM patron Liz Green of BBC Leeds, the Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP and Hanif Malik director of the Hamara Centre.

Leeds eleven FM offers regular internet broadcasts coupled with 28-day broadcasts live over the radio. The first of these will take place in the spring of 2007. The new station is funded through the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, the European Regional Development Fund, the Aspire Partnership and Leeds City Council.

Broadcasts can be found on-line at: www.LeedselevenFM.co.uk to find out more or to add your news contact Vera Media on: 0113 276 5723



Leeds eleven FM
Community Radio Station

Tower Works moves forward

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Chris Hilton, Holbeck Urban Village project leader for Yorkshire Forward commented: "The Tower Works site is an integral part of the Holbeck Urban Village renaissance programme. The aim is to create a sustainable community with a distinctive sense of place whilst retaining the area's unique character."

The scheme put forward by Isis includes the provision of 150 homes, and 13,500 sq m

of commercial floor space which could be a mix of high quality office space and accommodation for creative professions. The redevelopment of Tower Works is expected to create up to 500 jobs in the urban village.

Yorkshire Forward hope to have drawn up an official contract for the development of Tower Works by the end of March 2007.

Out of the Woods is out of this world!

New juice bar, Out of the Woods, is set to make a natural impression on the residents and businesses of Holbeck Urban Village.

The idea, a joint venture between co-owners Jon Baldwin and Ross Halliday (both pictured below showing off the sushi on offer), is to offer a healthy fast food alternative using fresh ingredients from local suppliers. The juice bar will be offering sandwiches, salads, sushi and – of course – smoothies and juices. Out of the Woods will be open from 7am to offer a healthy breakfast including muesli, granola, porridge and fruit salads.

This is a juice bar with conscience. Not only is their mission to create a healthy Holbeck but almost all products will be made from fair trade and locally sourced ingredients. Cutlery is made by veg-ware who provide disposable bio-degradable utensils and recycled napkins for restaurants.

The environmentally aware company have refitted the shop, on the corner of Marshall Street, using reclaimed timbers and recycled materials.



Not content with being guardians of a healthy Holbeck, Ross and Jon also want to support the growing creative community in the local area. They appointed local design agency, Design Union, to create their unique brand. They also have a dedicated wall space for local artists and designers to showcase their work for sale, totally free of charge, with a different artist's work on show every month.

Emma Duffield Photographic Designs is the first artist to take advantage of the exhibition space, recently unveiling a collection of still life portraits for sale (pictured below).



Emma hopes that the exhibition at Out of the Woods will help to give her new company extra profile to both commercial and private clients: "It is a fantastic opportunity for people like me who are just starting out and can't really afford to pay gallery prices to publicise their work. I also have creative freedom to be able to feature works of my choice and deal with enquiries direct, which means that I can work with any interested parties to create what they want rather than them having to buy off the peg, which is a much better service for everyone involved."

Jon is excited about their new venture and has high hopes for the Holbeck area: "We were looking for somewhere to start up our business and this area just seemed to have so much happening. We completed a survey of local businesses asking them if healthy alternatives would appeal and everyone seemed really excited about it. We are very pleased with the area as there is this community vibe you get just from walking around the place and there is also a lot of history that seems to be being brought back to life. It is not just another city living scheme."

Out of the Woods, 113 Water Lane, The Round Foundry, Holbeck, Tel: 0113 244 8123. www.outofthewoods.me.uk www.emmaduffield.co.uk

www.holbeckurbanvillage.co.uk goes interactive!

There has been a number of interactive additions to the newly developed Holbeck Urban Village website. Log on at www.holbeckurbanvillage.co.uk and find out more about the history of the area, the businesses and amenities serving the local community and have your say on the future of the urban village.

Digital era pays homage to heroes of Holbeck

Holbeck's pioneers of the industrial revolution are world renowned for their contribution to industry and their ground breaking innovations. Now, a new interactive map has been launched which celebrates their role in the development of the area and shows how their legacy is being preserved as Holbeck Urban Village begins to take shape.

The Living Map can be accessed on-line via the Holbeck Urban Village website, www.holbeckurbanvillage.co.uk. It brings to life the changes that have taken place in Holbeck over the last 250 years, starting from the 1700s when the area was a tiny hamlet surrounded by green fields.

Using digital animation, it shows buildings emerging from the ground and new roads being pushed through as the area developed during the industrial revolution to become a thriving centre for textile and manufacturing industry. Moving into the 21st century, it shows how a new wave of development is shaping the area.

John Thorp, Leeds City Council's civic architect, provides an audio commentary on Holbeck through the ages, while buildings and landmarks featured in the map can be clicked on to provide more detailed information.

John Thorp commented: "I'm delighted to have worked on this project. Holbeck was the birthplace of the industrial revolution in Leeds and has over 30 listed buildings. Some of these will now be given a new lease of life as the urban village develops.

The Living Map will offer an introduction to the history of these remarkable buildings, and help people understand the future of the area in the context of its past."

The Living Map has been created by Leeds-based digital media specialists New Media Collective.

Launch of on-line amenity and business directory

A new on-line business and amenity directory for the LS11 postcode has been launched on the Holbeck Urban Village website.

The main aim of the directory is for businesses and amenities in the Holbeck area to build local business networks as well as for those people moving into the urban village and surrounding area to source amenities from within the local community.

Featuring an easy-to-use search function and category listing, the directories can be added to and edited by those who have entries and ensures that the information is always up to date. This is an easy one stop option that can be used from the comfort of your own home or office to find anything from schools and healthcare to filmmakers and digital media agencies.

The directories are completely free to join and, as they are postcode exclusive, they are a great way to advertise your business or community group.

You can find the directories by logging onto the website and clicking 'directory' from the menu on the left.

Discussion forums awaiting your views

New discussion forums for Holbeck Urban Village are now on-line.

The forums are free to use and allow people from all walks of life to have their say on all aspects of the urban village including living, working, the environment and history of the area. There is also a section for businesses from the region to advertise their services and network with other companies on-line.

To access the forums log on to the website and click 'discussion forums' from the side menu.



PCSOs find new home at media centre

The **PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers)** have set up a new drop-in centre in the Round Foundry Media Centre.

Four PCSOs have patrolled the area since September in response to local studies that highlighted a fear of crime in communities in and around the urban village. The studies showed actual crime to be much lower than it was perceived to be and indeed lower than the city average for Leeds.



PCSOs at Round Foundry Media centre

There is now a dedicated PCSO drop-in surgery for any members of the local community to report any unusual events and disturbances or simply looking for advice and information.

Andrew Clay, centre manager for Round Foundry Media Centre is pleased with the new addition to his clients: "It is a pleasure to host them here. We are a large part of this growing community and feel it is important that people know when and where to find the PCSOs as they offer a vital service to the neighbourhood."

The PCSOs can be found at the Round Foundry Media Centre in the main atrium every Wednesday afternoon from 12 until 2pm and no appointment is needed.

HUV welcomes new business development officer

Michael Canning is the new face of business development in Holbeck Urban Village.

Michael joined the team in June and brings considerable experience of business development and support for companies in the creative and digital industries. He has already made extensive contacts with businesses based in and around the urban village and developers of major schemes in HUV. Michael will be working with developers, businesses and key decision makers to help to relocate businesses, grow support networks and create links between the developments taking place in the urban village and the local communities.

Michael is keen to talk to local businesses and residents alike to discuss what the urban village can offer you. **Contact him on 0113 247 4514 or email: michael.canning@leeds.gov.uk**



Michael Canning

A bright new future for Holbeck

Holbeck housing gets a £2.95 million boost

Holbeck's housing has recently been granted a boost of £2.95 million from an overall allocation of £8 million to improve the quality of housing across Leeds by 2008.

The regeneration special project team, on behalf of the Leeds Housing Partnership, is working in a number of areas across Leeds to improve living conditions and the quality of life. Beeston Hill and Holbeck are priority areas for the team.

In October 2006 Leeds City Council gave approval for the £2.95 million funding to be used for the acquisition and demolition of 53 properties, in the area of Brown Lane East. The demolitions will open up new development opportunities to create better quality homes for the communities of Holbeck and Beeston Hill.

Consultation with residents in this area is ongoing. For further information regarding acquisition and demolition contact the **regeneration special project team on 0113 247 5626 or visit: www.ldht.leeds.gov.uk**

Regeneration plan welcomed by local community

Consultation on a regeneration plan for Holbeck ended in December with many members of the community supporting proposals for improvement.

The Holbeck plan presented a series of fifteen 'preferred options' ranging from the redevelopment of Holbeck Towers and the former Matthew Murray school site through to the improvement of pedestrian and cycle links to and from Holbeck Urban Village and the city centre. Many other suggestions were put forward by the local community, including how to make the area safer and improved facilities for young people.

The local community also considered selective demolition and refurbishment of poor quality housing to be appropriate.

For further information on the regeneration plans contact Ian Mackay of **Leeds City Council's renaissance Unit (0113 247 8090) or visit: www.leeds.gov/beestonhillandholbeck**

Conference Call

Holbeck Urban Village is to be showcased at **Regenex**, the national sustainability conference taking place in London next month. Innovative environmental projects will be highlighted together with development schemes being

undertaken by CTP St James and Isis Waterside Regeneration.

To find out more log on to: **<http://www.regenex.co.uk/page.cfm> or contact us at: huv@leeds.gov.uk**



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