

Newsletter Number 15



In spite of the havoc being created to the nation's health and economy by the Covid Pandemic a great deal of work is being done to improve the Borough of Great Yarmouth. I am involved in three of the working parties:

- **Culture and Tourism Board** is developing Great Yarmouth's Culture, Heritage and Tourism Strategy which is due to be completed in the next few weeks
- **Future High Streets Fund.** A bid for £19.9M to regenerate the centre of Yarmouth was submitted on 5 June
- **Town Deal Board.** We are one of 101 towns selected to apply for up to £25M and it would be very helpful to have your opinions as to how best we can regenerate the town (This includes Gorleston and Bradwell), attract further investment, attract more visitors and make the area a better place in which to live. Some details are given below and I hope you will submit any ideas you may have.

Sheila Oxtoby (CEO of GYBC) and Darren Barker (Culture, Heritage and Design Manager) were due to give the Civic Society a presentation of the plans for developing the town centre in April. Unfortunately, this was postponed because of Covid and I am trying to arrange another date in the near future. The plans are very exciting and it will be an opportunity for you to give your views.



How would you invest? – #InvestInGY #BelieveInGY

A lot of exciting work is already underway in Great Yarmouth... Now the Government has invited Great Yarmouth as one of just 101 places to apply for a Town Deal of up to £25m to drive economic regeneration, recovery and growth through:

- Urban regeneration, planning and land use
- Skills and enterprise infrastructure
- Connectivity

The Government would like local people to help decide how the money could be spent. A Town Deal Board, of local leaders from the private, public and third sectors, has been set up and is crafting a Town Investment Plan to support the bid. The Board is asking local people to submit ideas to help build this Investment Plan for how that money could be spent. *How would you invest?*

[Please share your ideas here](#)

Lots already happening

We've already seen the lovely Venetian Waterways restored, the exciting new £26m Marina Centre is taking shape, while the Winter Gardens restoration is one of just 12 projects nationally invited to apply for major National Lottery funding to bring it back into use.

Soon we'll have a welcoming new Market Place. That's part of a [£50m vision for town centre regeneration](#), which includes relocating the library to a larger building in a more central location, converting space in empty or under-utilised historic buildings into new homes, building new quality housing and establishing a heritage centre.

In addition, a new [£120m Third River Crossing](#) will support the ambitions for the town centre as well as improve connections between the Port and top-performing Enterprise Zone, helping to support investment opportunities across the energy sector, including the burgeoning area of offshore wind.



The more people who submit their view the better and please pass on the above to your friends. With very best wishes,
Hugh Sturzaker

