

MARKET TOWN AWARDS 2007

MARKET TOWN: BEDALE

PROJECT NAME: BEDALE STATION, BEDALE

Partners: Hambleton District Council, Yorkshire Forward and Wensleydale Railway Company

Category: Business and Economy

The £1.451 million Bedale Station project was originally identified in the Bedale and Villages Community Plan (2002) as a key element in the Renaissance Market Town Masterplan (2004). It is centred on the redevelopment of a disused food processing site adjacent to the A684 and the Wensleydale railway line, and includes the former station house, the old railway shed, three modern units, and links to a Farm Visitor centre.



Work over the past year has resulted in the re-opening of the Station House for railway passenger use and headquarters for the WRC. It comprises a ticket office, information point, waiting room, café and offices. The other buildings have been converted into ten workspace units of various sizes for rent to small craft type businesses.

The nature of the development is innovative – the new Station House in conjunction with craft work spaces has been designed to encourage tourism,

create employment, improve public transport and pedestrian access, whilst the businesses in the craft units will complement or add value to the passenger services/facilities that will be provided from Station House.

The project has also provided the catalyst for additional investment in Bedale. This includes the proposed residential redevelopment of the adjacent Coal Yard and the Council's current renovation of a derelict Market Place building in Bedale to bring it back into productive use.



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