

Pontefract Vision 2028



Pontefract Newsletter - No. 6 – Spring 2020

Welcome to the Pontefract Newsletter!

The Pontefract newsletter provides an update on the delivery of the Pontefract Vision 2028. The Vision (www.wakefield.gov.uk/pontevision) sets out the future aspirations for the town.

We hope everyone is safe and well in these difficult times. The Regeneration Team are busy working from our homes and doing as much as we can to keep projects moving forward.

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- ❖ Pontefract Masterplan
 - ❖ Streets for People
 - ❖ Action Plan Update coming soon...



Pontefract Masterplan

Nash Partnership continue work on the 'Re-Connecting Pontefract' Masterplan on behalf of the Council with the aim to better link the town centre with its communities, transport hubs and anchor visitor destinations (such as the Castle and the Racecourse) as well as helping Pontefract realise its potential.

The first round of public consultation concluded at the end of February 2020. Nash are busy combining the comments received with the existing information they have gathered about the town and the 8 intervention areas. They will then spend the next few months developing a draft of the Masterplan and there will be another opportunity to have your say on the document and how it will affect the future of Pontefract in the summer.



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Streets for People project on Horsefair

The planning associated with the £1million of funding gained to improve 'Horsefair', the road that links Pontefract town centre with the castle, is well underway.

As with the Masterplan, our consultants are working through feedback from the recent consultations and will be refining the two options that were presented in the library. The final proposal will be presented alongside the Masterplan draft in the summer.

The project is an exciting opportunity for us to improve the public realm, reduce air pollution and help to make Horsefair an inviting street to use as part of a wider national initiative called 'Streets for People'. We hope that it will be the first step in the wider process of transforming Pontefract into an attractive, but also sustainable, place for people to live, work and visit.



An Action Plan Update (and more)

We know this newsletter is coming out in strange and difficult times, so we wanted to reassure you that we are still working hard to provide a brighter future for Pontefract, its residents and its businesses.

A full update on our progress against the Action Plan will be published shortly to share with you all of the work that's ongoing. As a sneak peek at the highlights:

- The Council has secured funding to work with Network Rail to make it easier to get around Monkhill station;
- We've also secured some funding to help us improve Pontefract generally, such as installing LED lighting and improving cycle storage;
- We're planning to make some improvements to signage over the next year, to help both residents and visitors get around
- The Leisure & Wellbeing Hub should open early in 2021;
- There's been encouraging progress on the Dispensary site as part of our Masterplanning work;
- Markets colleagues are making progress with plans to improve the towns markets; and finally
- There are lots of exciting discussions happening about ways to improve the town centre and support businesses which have created a number of new projects.



The next Pontefract Newsletter (Edition No.7) will be available in Summer 2020. For more information please contact:

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