

Ripon BID helping bounce back

Ripon hospitality and leisure businesses have been awarded a total of £141,342 from the Omicron Hospitality & Leisure Grant. Ripon BID made sure that all of its eligible levy paying businesses were aware of the grant through emails, the monthly newsletter and follow up phone calls.

Lou at Oliver's Pantry on North Street said: "We encountered an issue with our application and Lilla at the BID supported us in sorting it out and receiving payment. We really appreciate the support received from the BID and look forward to all the other good works they are doing to improve the city for its businesses."

Pietro at Prima Pizzeria on Kirkgate said: "Having only recently taken over the business, I didn't know anything about the OHLG until Rick Jones, one of directors at Ripon BID, called me. Rick showed me how to apply and then when my application was missing some details helped me correct it and I have now received my grant. I am very grateful to Rick and Ripon BID for helping with this."

Ripon BID has appointed Place Support Partnership to visit BID businesses and reduce their business costs such as energy, telecoms, water, merchant fees etc. David of David Harrison Picture Framers on Kirkgate said: "I had a very successful meeting with Place Support Partnership, it was a very simple process and well worth the forty minutes of my time. I have made savings of between £1,500-£2,000 per year. I am more than happy with this great service from Ripon BID." Place Support Partnership will be visiting Ripon businesses again on 18th May with its **FREE** no obligation service – register your interest at info@riponbid.co.uk or call 01765 530910 and start saving!



Do you want to be involved in Ripon's summer trail and win prizes?



Ripon BID is bringing a free, fun-packed, family friendly trail to the city centre in the summer holidays. Businesses can get involved either by hosting a trail stop/marker or by offering trail treats.

The trail will help visitors to move around the city, discover new businesses and stimulate spend. There will be a prize draw for £200 of advertising for businesses who share and tag the trail on social media and prize draws for participants kindly donated by Lightwater Valley. Please contact Layla Martin via comms@riponbid.co.uk or phone 01765 530 910 and register your interest.



Enhancing Ripon further

Continuing the BID's lighting of ginnels and alleyways – the archway between the Black Swan and T.J.'s hairdressers on Westgate was lit up in March. The BID's festoon lighting project aims to create a visual destination within Ripon helping to promote exploration of the city centre. The ginnels, alleys and archways will all be decorated with jubilee themed bunting later on this month.

Live music to welcome visitors – The Ripon Vibe



On selected days Ripon BID will be bringing live music into the Arcade and Kirkgate to welcome visitors coming for the races and to entertain visitors and locals in the afternoon.

The entertainment will run in the Arcade from 11am-11:45 and 12:15-1:00pm, then a second act will play on Kirkgate from 1:00-1:45pm and 2:15-3:00pm. Live music will play on Thursday 14th April, Saturday 23rd April, Saturday 16th July, Saturday 13th August and Saturday 24th September.

In the event of bad weather please look out for the revised venue on the @visitriponyorkshire Instagram and @visitripon Facebook pages. Please tag us and include these hashtags with anything you post #theriponvibe #discoverripon #visitriponyorkshire

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Ripon BID's deep cleaning program continues



Following on from the deep cleaning of the ginnels, Kirkgate and Westgate, deep cleaning of High Skellgate pavements will take place in May. A deep clean of the North Street pavements will also take place in May by the BID's Yorkshire based contractor. The BID will notify the High Skellgate and North Street businesses of the exact date nearer the time. Ripon Cleaning Services have commenced their rounds of litter picking and sweeping the most used ginnels and alleyways. Ripon BID is committed to improving the welcome in the city by keeping the city's unadopted areas litter free and clean.

Building the Future

A Ripon city region-based Apprenticeship and Training Hub (ATH) for 14-16 year olds

Ripon BID would like to introduce the concept of a central hub connecting all surrounding secondary education providers with Ripon businesses to offer foundation skills in the workplace for 14-16 year olds. The scheme will give them an introduction to working life and prepare our future workforce. We are keen to work with Ripon businesses at an early stage to build good practice and help alleviate the current and future skills gap. The ATH will be best placed to help fill the significant future employment demands in the Ripon city region with the employability skills required. The ATH will help equip businesses with the necessary resources to facilitate this. We are working closely with NYBEP to achieve this.

At this early stage we are looking to connect with like-minded businesses, students and education providers to take this concept forward.

For more information or to register your interest please contact info@riponbid.co.uk / 01765 530910.



It's not too late to book your place at the Cathedral's 1350th launch event

Go to:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ripon-cathedral-1350th-preview-evening-tickets-276789744577

and use the password **1350th**

Social Media Launch

Following the successful sign off of the branding elements, the Ripon BID social channels are now live. Visit Ripon will be operating primarily across Instagram & Facebook and Ripon BID across Facebook & Linked In. Follower numbers on Visit Ripon have got off to a flying start and we hope will continue to gain followers and digital traction at the same rate. If you have any events you would like including, can you please email information to:

comms@riponbid.co.uk or tag any posts using the following social handles:

Instagram [@visitriponyorkshire](https://www.instagram.com/@visitriponyorkshire)
Facebook [@VisitRipon](https://www.facebook.com/@VisitRipon)

If you can also please use the #theriponvibe and #discoverripon hashtags we can build up a great bank of collective social media equity.



Events Diary

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| 2nd-24th Apr | Springtime Easter Trail at Fountains Abbey | |
| 9th-24th Apr | Enchanted Wood Easter Family Fun Days at Newby Hall | |
| 9th-24th Apr | Easter Adventures at Lightwater Valley Family Adventure Park | |
| 14th Apr | Ripon Races Easter Family Race Day with live music in the city provided by Ripon BID. First race 1pm | |
| 17th Apr | Studley 10k & Fun Run | |
| 20th-23rd Apr | Oliver! at Ripon Operatic Society, get your tickets here | |
| 23rd Apr | Ripon Races - Feature Saturday. First race 1.45pm with live music etc. | |
| 24th Apr | Little Bird Artisan Market. located in the Market Square | |
| 28th Apr | Ripon Cathedral's 1,350th: Launch Weekend - Preview Evening | 7.30pm-10pm |
| 28th April | Down the Rabbit Hole at Valeria's at Grantley Hall | 8.30pm |
| 29th Apr -1st May | Ripon Cathedral's 1,350th | 9:30am-10pm |
| 2nd May | Ripon Cathedral Beer Festival | 11:30am-5pm |
| 5th May | Keynote Speaker: Tom Holland, Ripon Cathedral | 7:30pm-9pm |
| 8th May | Sports Cars in the Park at Newby Hall | 10am-4pm |