

RIPON BID

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER



Lighting up Lavender Alley

On 21-23 February the new festoon lighting, funded by the BID businesses, in Lavender Alley is due to be installed by local Ripon area contractor FusionLX. Ripon Business Services have kindly agreed to host the electricity supply.

Following on from our deep cleaning program, this is the first of the alleys and ginnels that will be illuminated over the next few weeks. This is a key project for the BID as it will improve the welcome for our tourists and visitors and improve connectivity for all of our community as they navigate and enjoy these handy cut-throughs.

We look forward to sharing the dates for illuminating the next two ginnels as soon as relevant permissions are received.

Do you want a hanging basket?

The BID has paid for the floral basket scheme in the city and will be hanging 65 baskets around the city centre in the summer with a red, white and blue theme for the Jubilee. Any BID levy-paying business who has a suitable hanging basket bracket can apply to have a hanging basket **free of charge**. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis - so get your request in early to info@ripontid.co.uk. Any non-levy paying business with a suitable bracket will be eligible for a basket at £85 subject to availability (or by becoming a voluntary BID member).



Improvement to planting at Water Skellgate junction

The flowerbed at the Water Skellgate/High Skellgate junction will shortly be having a major makeover, funded by the BID.

This area is a key welcome point to the city centre and businesses have told us that they wish to see this opportunity for improvement utilised. The bed will be weed-matted, gravelled and then filled with floral displays.



Sarita McDermott, Owner & Clayton Hill, Front of House, Realitea

Do you want your business showcased?

From March the BID will be launching Ripon's city region visitor Instagram and Facebook platforms. There will be daily posts on at least one of these forums. The BID can also be contacted via them.

These channels will be fantastic for the region's visitors and support them by showcasing up to the minute information about what is going on. They will also keep the local community up to speed with amazing offers and events for them to enjoy.

Facebook: **@VisitRipon**

Instagram*: **@visitriponyorkshire**

*the @visitripon account is Ripon in California

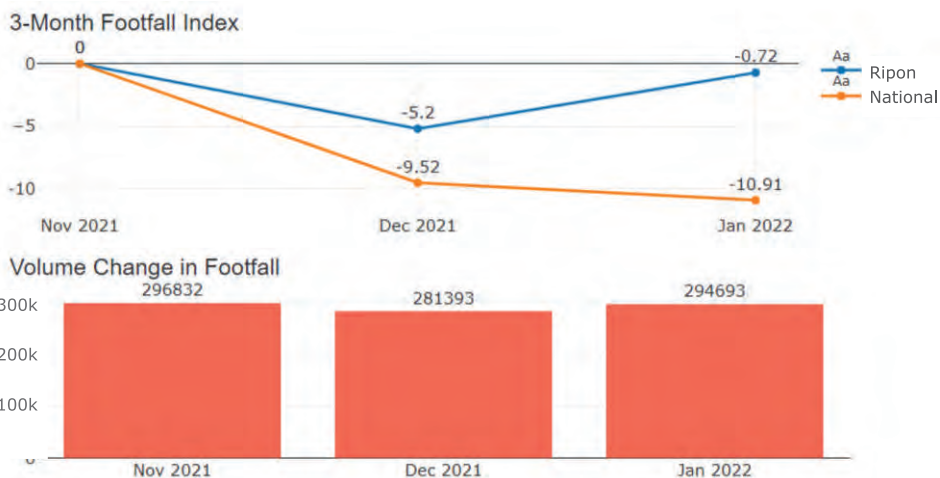
Our introductory digital campaigns starting this spring will be:

- Only in Ripon
- People Make Places

We know how incredible the Ripon businesses are and we will be getting round to as many of you as possible in the coming weeks to highlight your people and stories on our new platforms, in the meantime, get in touch with us to share your ideas.

Ripon Footfall

- Month-on-month change in number of visits: **4.73%**
- National change: **-1.54%**
- January 2022: 294,693
- December 2021: 281,393



Ripon plays its part in the Our Planet Your World Project

On Wednesday 23rd February you will see an animatronic polar bear in the Market Square - come along and find out more about the project and join in with the creation of a large sculpture being made out of recycled plastics.

More information can be found at:

www.visitharrogate.co.uk/events/our-planet-your-world-ripon

BID support for Cathedral 1350 events

This year, Ripon Cathedral is marking an incredible milestone, celebrating 1350 years since its consecration by St Wilfrid in 672AD. Ripon BID businesses are invited to the Ripon Cathedral 1,350th Preview Evening, which includes a drinks reception, live music from our resident pianist and Frankly Jazz and projected illuminations inside the cathedral's historic nave. Look out for Ripon BID businesses' special invitation to the Ripon Cathedral 1350th Preview Evening on April 28 from 6pm - 10pm. Invited guests will also get a chance to discover the exciting plans to mark this historic year and how the cathedral and the city of Ripon plans to build on the firm foundations laid down 1350 years ago. Find out more at: www.riponcathedral.org.uk/1350th



Hospitality & Leisure Business - Don't forget to claim

Applications for the Government grants for hospitality and leisure businesses will close on 18th March 2022 - Don't leave it too late, apply for the Omicron Hospitality & Leisure Grant or the Alternative Restrictions Grant here: www.harrogate.gov.uk

Left: Jeet Sahi owner of Ripon Laundrette who, following advice from the BID, has submitted his ARG claim

Claim back Covid 19 related Statutory Sick Pay

The online service to claim back Statutory Sick Pay is now active:

www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-back-statutory-sick-pay-paid-to-your-employees-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19

The Coronavirus SSP rebate will repay employers the Statutory Sick Pay paid to current or former employees who were off work on or after 21 December 2021.

Spring Events Calendar

All Ripon BID business relevant events will be listed on the new **VisitRipon.co.uk** site to be launched in May, please let us know if you have an event that you would like listed.

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21-25 Feb	Joys of Spring half term activities, The Workhouse Museum	12:00pm-3:00pm
21 Feb	People of Ripon's Past exhibition - projection, The Workhouse Museum	6:00pm-12:00am
23 Feb	Our Planet Your World, Ripon Market Square	Daytime
25 Feb	Cocktail Soirée at Valerias, Grantley Hall	8:30pm-2:00am
1 Mar	Comedy Night, Ripon Arts Hub	7:30pm
2 Mar	Ripon Theatre Festival Open Meeting, Ripon Arts Hub	7:00pm
10 Mar	An intimate evening with Hennessy Paradis, Grantley Hall	6:30pm
12 Mar	Sights&Sounds, RAOS youth theatre group Oliver! Workshops Ripon Arts Hub	11:00am-2:00pm
12 Mar	Sights and Sounds of Ripon, The Workhouse Museum	11:30-2:30pm
12 Mar	Creative Conversations, The Workhouse Museum	11:00am
16 Mar	Tapas and Tales, Ripon Arts Hub	7:00pm
20 Mar	Sonia Sabri - Same Same but Different, Ripon Arts Hub	2:00pm
31 Mar	Spirit of Spring at Valeria's, Grantley Hall	8:30pm
6 Apr	Floral masterclass with Jonathan Moseley, Grantley Hall	10:00am
9 April	Spring Food, Home and Garden Show at Ripon Cathedral	10:00am-4:00pm
28 Apr	Ripon Cathedrals 1,350th: Launch Weekend - Preview Evening	7:30pm-10:00pm
29 Apr-1 May	Ripon Cathedral's 1,350th	9:30am-10:00pm
2 May	Ripon Cathedral Beer Festival	11:30am-5:00pm
5 May	Keynote Speaker: Tom Holland, Ripon Cathedral	7:30pm-9:00pm