

Newsletter Number 52



FUTURE MEETINGS

Tuesday 24 February in the Old Priory at 2.30pm. Tea and coffee available before hand
James Wilson, Head of Environment and Sustainability, Environmental Services, GYBC will give a talk on **Improving the Environment in Great Yarmouth**

Recent meeting

Tuesday 27 January in the Old Priory at 2.30pm.
Carl Smith, Leader of the GYBC
Re-development of North Quay and Other Matters

The Borough Council has been working with Willmott Dixon for a number of years to re-develop the North Quay site. There are 64 different landowners on site and 50% of the site has been secured. It is hoped that building consent will be obtained in May 2026 with construction starting in 2028 and for the site to be functioning two years later. It is a unique site with easy access to the railway and the Market Place via The Conge which is about to be developed for housing. The work on the Bridge across the River Bure will also be completed. Greater Anglia are planning to improve the station and train services.

There will be a 100-120 bedded hotel, a multi-storied carpark for 915 vehicles, a Retail Outlet of 70 units, an IMAX cinema which can also be used for conferences, up to 120 residential units and green spaces with a river walk. There will be various leisure facilities. There will be no banks nor charity shops.

It is estimated that it will draw in an extra 2 million visitors yearly and should increase footfall and purchasing in the rest of the town. It is likely that passengers from cruise ships will be keen to visit the site.

500 jobs will be created during construction and 400 when the site is functioning.

Goods sold in the outlet shops are usually sold at least 30% cheaper than elsewhere and on average people spend £200 per visit.

There will be an agreement with the construction firms that local people should get priority in working on the site.

INFORMATION FROM TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

NORTH QUAY DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENTS

Great Yarmouth Borough Council and their development partners will be holding two public consultations events this week regarding the plans for the regeneration of the North Quay area. Residents, businesses and visitors are invited to take part in the North Quay Redevelopment Consultation and help shape one of the most significant regeneration projects in Great Yarmouth in a generation. Representatives from the project team will be on hand to answer questions and listen to your feedback, which will help inform the final plans before a planning application is submitted.

The consultation events are being held on the following dates:

Friday 20th February - GYBC Town Hall - Supper Room - Doors open 11:00, close at 17:30.

Saturday 21st February - The Hive at Great Yarmouth Library - Doors open 10:30, close at 14:00.

The North Quay masterplan, led by Great Yarmouth Borough Council and supported by Levelling Up funding, will transform the 10-acre riverside site into a vibrant new destination. Plans include a major Leisure Box with an IMAX-ready cinema, around 70 outlet stores, a new hotel, homes, cafés, green riverside walks, public spaces and improved walking and cycling links connecting the town centre, railway station and Market Place. Expected to attract up to two million visitors per year, the scheme is expected to create up to 500 jobs during the construction phase, up to 600 permanent positions in retail, leisure and hospitality in the development itself, and up to 400 further jobs in the surrounding area once open.



The North Quay regeneration will be phased, with community consultation scheduled for early 2026 and a planning application expected in Q2 2026

SHOPSAFE BUSINESS CRIME REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

2025 has been a very active 12 months for our ShopSafe Business Crime Reduction Partnership members. Our members have logged in to the Disc crime management app on over 16,500 occasions reporting and viewing over 450 incidents reported by participating members. The Town Centre Partnership street wardens have attended 1130 incidents that have resulted in 65 arrests. Over 40 Warning Notices and over 90 Exclusion Notices have been issued in the last 12 months. There are currently over 100 live exclusions from Town Centre Partnership member premises with 49 persons on a 12-Month Warning. The Anti -Social Behaviour gallery has 86 subjects listed resulting from over 780 incident reports compiled by the Town Centre Partnership. We of course wish for a safer 2026 for all our members and customers and we look forward to working with you all to achieve this.

VIEWING OF WINTER GARDENS



The tours are being held three times daily on **Thursday, March 5, Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7** at 9.30am, 11am and 1pm.

Booking is essential online via [Great Yarmouth heritage guide tours on the council's website](#).

The council said: "Join us for 'Explore the Future of the Winter Gardens' and enjoy a guided site tour led by the main contractor, where you'll discover the

building's fascinating past, see the incredible transformation taking place and learn how it's being restored for future generations to enjoy.

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Renewal of membership fees should have been made by now and it would help us if you could encourage family or friends to become members. Membership forms and details are on our Website: www.civicsocietygy.co.uk

Best wishes,

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