

And there's more.....

Stapleford Website:

www.stapleford-notts.co.uk

Stapleford now has its very own website which contains information and content from various sources including the town and borough councils and community groups.

The site gives information on history, places of interest, shops and services, sport and leisure, community and local government issues. The new website has been developed thanks to local businessman and Town Councillor John Ross, and provides a one-stop information point

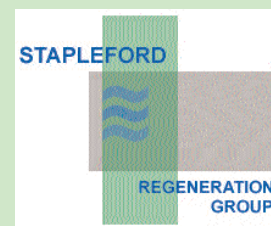
which will help raise the profile of the town. The site also contains contact details for all community groups, as well as a comprehensive list of all Stapleford businesses.

Opportunities exist for businesses to sponsor the website, and to offer support to ensure the site remains a focal point for business and community initiatives.

Precinct Improvement Scheme

Work is now complete on the scheme to improve the forecourt and car park of the Precinct, Derby Road. The site was originally identified as a town centre area in need of improvement by the Regeneration Group. The area is privately owned, but is a prominent site which forms a part of the public realm area of the town centre.

Works undertaken included resurfacing of footways and shop forecourts, resurfacing of car park and side road, installation of new bollards and block paving throughout. All works were carried out by Broxtowe Borough Council, in a partnership with the precinct businesses and landlords.



Regeneration News

Summer 2005

Welcome to the second edition of the Stapleford Regeneration Group Newsletter. In this edition we hope to update you on the achievements of the Regeneration group since the Summer 2004 newsletter, and to inform you of current projects.

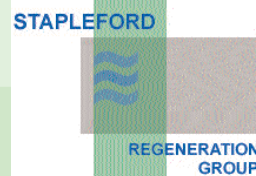
Now into its second year, the group has become a well-established and focussed group, dealing with issues important to businesses and users of Stapleford Town centre. However, involvement

from local businesses is still key to the success of the group in achieving its aims of making Stapleford a **safer, more attractive and vibrant town centre**.

We need your input and support, so if you are involved with a business in the town centre and any of the issues raised in this newsletter interest you, please come along to one of our meetings to find out more and have your input.

Contact us.....

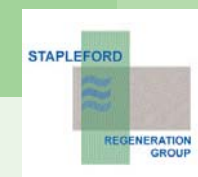
For more info on any of the issues in this newsletter, please contact
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Who, when and where.....

- The group is a partnership between local businesses, Broxtowe Borough Council, Stapleford Town Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and other local organisations.
- The group meet on the first Thursday of each month, at the Town Council Offices (The Carnegie Centre), Warren Avenue, Stapleford.

Tile Warehouse Takes the Chair...

The Regeneration Group has appointed a new chair from Stapleford's business community, to oversee the group throughout 2005. Local businessman John Lockwood, of The Tile Warehouse, Stapleford was appointed as chair of the group in January 2005, and has chaired the monthly meetings as well as hosting the action plan and web site launch event.

"I see the Regeneration Group as an excellent opportunity to get local businesses involved in the improvement of their town centre. It's important that businesses recognise that by supporting initiatives to improve Stapleford, they are also helping to improve their own businesses as well. I'm delighted to be involved with the group because it is an opportunity to show other businesses what we can achieve if we get involved."



So far so good.....

Here are some of the projects the group has accomplished so far, and that are underway at present. I hope you agree, this is not bad for the first 6 months.

Christmas Trees Galore

Last year saw the launch of the first ever Shop Front Christmas Tree Scheme, available to Stapleford Town Centre Businesses. Traders received a Christmas tree holder, which also doubles up as a hanging basket holder for the rest of the year, which was installed to their shop front at first floor level. Sets of weatherproof lantern lights were also included in the package, as well as a 5ft natural Christmas tree.



Businesses only had to pay half of the total costs. The Regeneration Group, with support from Broxtowe Borough Council, paid for the other half of the costs. Not only that, all installation and

maintenance is taken care of by professionals, so the businesses can concentrate on making the most of the Christmas shopping period.

Best Dressed Christmas Window

A panel of judges including the Mayor of Broxtowe and the Mayor of Stapleford judged Stapleford's Christmas windows last December.

The winner was Hollywood Video; Second place, Notts Royal Society for the Blind; Third Place, Décor Cakes. Commended entries were Sutton Trade Paints and Marshall Allen Fashions.

Certificates were presented at an evening with the Mayor of Stapleford at the Town Council offices.



Shop Window Christmas Lights

For those shopkeepers unable to take advantage of the Christmas tree scheme an alternative scheme was developed, with the support of Bethell's, Stapleford. A choice of clear or coloured lights was on offer to be installed in shop windows, aimed at improving the appearance and appeal of shops throughout the town centre. Once again half the costs were contributed by Broxtowe Borough Council and the Stapleford Regeneration Group.

Hanging Baskets - New Contractor!

Last summer, we launched the Blooming Stapleford Hanging basket scheme; offering fully planted, installed and maintained hanging baskets to businesses within the town. Not only did we provide this service, we also paid half the costs!



A scheme will be available this year, which is being a new and improved run by a new contractor with experience of running the same scheme in other local towns. The scheme works in partnership with the existing basket scheme run by the town council, which offers the opportunity to sponsor a basket installed on a lamppost within the town. Businesses now have the choice of installing a shop front hanging basket, or supporting a lamppost basket.

Over twenty baskets have been snapped up by businesses so look out for the baskets throughout the town centre this summer.

Launch Event

On the 22nd of March this year, the Tile Warehouse saw the hosting of the years biggest Stapleford business event. All the towns businesses were invited to the Tile Warehouse to see the launch of the new Stapleford website and the new Stapleford Regeneration group action plan for 2005. Over thirty businesses attended the event, as did Cllr Christine Wombwell, the Mayor of Broxtowe and Cllr Rick Sharma, the Mayor of Stapleford. Attendees were given a 'guided tour' of the Stapleford web site and display panels were on show with details of all the accomplishments of the Regeneration Group over the last year.



Group members are keen to regularly host similar events, to keep the public and town centre businesses aware of progress within the town. If you would like to host an event then please contact us.

Regeneration Action Plan 2005-06

The group is now working its way through its second year action plan, which lays out all the projects we will be involved with throughout the coming year. The plan has been put together based on input from town centre businesses, and focuses on the following themes:

Promotion and Marketing; including town centre information displays, events organisation, regular town centre newsletters and Christmas promotions including the shop front Christmas tree scheme.

Environment and Appearance; initiatives including grants to improve shop fronts, displays in the windows of vacant units, shop front hanging basket schemes, a town centre tidy campaign and improvements to public areas throughout the town.