

Area Forum Chair & Vice Chair Nominations

A public ballot to elect the Chair and Vice Chair will take place at the next Area Forum on Wednesday 7 December. The successful candidate will also represent the Scarborough Urban Area on the North Yorkshire Coast Community Partnership as a full voting member. Here are the candidates:

Malcolm Short



I have served on the Urban Area Forum Support Group for approximately two and a half years and have supported all of the work and attended all of the meetings of the Forum. I have lived in the Central Ward for 11 years and have a great interest in the future of Scarborough and, in particular, want to encourage and support residents to take a more active role within their communities.

I am the Chair of Friends of Manor Road Park, Chair the Voice Your Choice Sub-Committee, a Trustee at Scarborough Blind and Partially Sighted Society and I attend many meetings and speak out for the residents of Scarborough.

I always listen and take on board other people's views and will offer advice and support whenever it is needed. I am willing and able to give the time required to fulfil the duties of Chair of the Forum and will make myself available to other organisations, residents, etc of the Urban Area, if at all possible to do so.

During meetings I always allow people to contribute and express their points and concerns.

Sheila Silvester



I have been a member of the Urban Area Forum for over five years and I have been instrumental in the work that it has done especially with the Intergenerational Project and Scarborough Sings Together. As a member for this period has meant that I am aware both of the problems and pains that comes with such a diverse group of people but also of the pleasure in getting to know them all.

The Urban Area Forum is a positive group which looks to make positive contributions to Scarborough. I am proud that I have been part of this and would hope that I have the skills and positive attitude to inspire the group to continue to look forward to the future, as well as the diplomatic ability to know when to speak and most importantly when to shut up. The next few years are going to be difficult for many people and I would like to ensure that the Urban Area Forum is a beacon to show what can be achieved even when there is general doom and gloom! I think that is a challenge worth facing and I hope I am worthy of facing it.

Ros Fox



I live and work in the old town of Scarborough. I am active in volunteering and engaged in local issues.

I am one of the founder members and supporter of the Forum, being on the Support Committee since 2007.

Not only active through the Forum, I am also involved in:
Working with Friarage Children's Centre as its Chair.
An active Governor at Friarage Community School.
Helping to improve the quality of our houses as a Board Member on Yorkshire Coast Homes.
As a Trustee of the Castle Community Network, a charity which works hard in promoting projects, opportunities and services in the Castle Ward, situated in the Market Hall, it promotes amongst other things, office services, computer classes, "Stitches" sewing classes, Growing Opportunities and Stagecraft.
Volunteering for the Royal British Legion, enabling our ex-service men and women to make a better life for them.

I have the enthusiasm, desire and commitment to improve what we have and as Chairperson I will continue to work with everyone to do just that.

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Residents Quiz Councillors at Forum Question Time

As part of the Urban Area Forum's 2011 campaign to promote participation in local democracy throughout the town, a unique event was held at Scarborough Library on 14 September. Question Time with the Councillors attracted around 50 residents from across Scarborough to put questions to the panel on local issues such as; the proposed Tesco development, cuts to public services, local planning issues and many more.

represented on the panel, which led to a lively debate between members of the panel as well as with the audience.

Area Forum Chair Mrs Lindy Rowley said "We wanted to encourage debate, not only amongst residents but amongst Councillors also. Local democracy is about discussion and debate and we definitely want to repeat this type of event in future months".

The event was a departure from the Forum's usual meetings which usually give residents access to senior public sector officers. However as a way of promoting local democracy the Forum's Support Group was keen to give people direct access to their locally elected councillors. Each of the main political parties that are active locally were



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Introducing the Urban Area Forum's Theme for 2012.... Arts, Culture & Sport

As followers of the Urban Area Forum will know, each year we have a theme that directs our community project work. As well as the open quarterly Forum meetings that put you in touch with those in charge of delivering your public services, we feel it is just as important to be out there delivering things for residents in our community. This is where having an annual theme is important as it helps us target a particular issue so that we can work intensively with our community partners to make a difference over the year. In the past our annual themes have included; local democracy, intergenerational projects and community cohesion. Next year to link in with both the London 2012 Olympic Games and the Voice Your Choice theme, the Forum's Support Group has chosen arts, culture and sport. As usual we will be working on and delivering a number of grassroots community projects based on the theme and will be encouraging our partners to do the same.

Barrowcliff Gateways Signage - Community Art Project

Working with our partners Barrowcliff Residents Association we intend to work with all sections of the Barrowcliff community to design appropriate signage to welcome people to the Estate. As some of you may have noticed, there is no actual signage to welcome you and indicate when you are actually in Barrowcliff Estate. This project seeks to change that. Working alongside a community artist, a number of signage boards will be designed and produced and placed at entry points to the Estate - these boards will incorporate artistic designs from residents.



Community Sports Clubs & Activities Day

There are a whole host of different community-based sports clubs and activities out there in the Scarborough Urban Area. Working with partners in the Borough Council's Sports Development Department we want to bring all the local sports and activities together for a showcase day to tell the rest of the community what they do and how people can get involved. The event is provisionally planned for Saturday 21 April at the Filey Road Sports Centre. It will be a great chance for residents of all ages to find out what is available for them.

A Festival of Yorkshire

The cultural strand of our 2012 theme will concentrate on celebrating all things Yorkshire! Last year we ran with an innovative community event called Scarborough Sings Together. Scarborough Sings Together brought together 12 local choirs and vocal groups from different ages and backgrounds to celebrate Yorkshire Day by performing traditional Yorkshire Folk Songs at a free concert at the Spa. We want to build on this next year when Scarborough will be the official host Town for the regions Yorkshire Day celebrations. As well as staging Scarborough Sings Together again at the Spa we intend to work with partners to deliver a whole four day festival of Yorkshire themed cultural activity around Yorkshire Day on 1 August. Although we are still in the early planning stages ideas for festival activities include; a Yorkshire authors day at Scarborough Library, a 'Made in Yorkshire' trade exhibition at the Spa and much much more.



Scarborough Hospital's Patient Involvement Forum

Member of the Urban Area Forum, Sylvia Bonnett, who also sits on the Patient Involvement Forum at Scarborough Hospital, updated us on planned changes that are being considered.

It is hoped that the Hospital's Main Reception will be installed with better lighting and the toilets will be modernised. The automatic doors are to be adjusted to address the ongoing temperature problems in Reception. It is hoped that in time volunteer 'meeters and greeters' will be employed to welcome people into the building. It has been decided that the former colour-coded routes will be reintroduced as this assists patients and visitors whose first language is not English. There are plans in place for the Hospital staff to use a different entrance to patients and visitors and there are also plans in place to modernise the North Entrance to make it more welcoming.

Scarborough Enterprise Match - Overview

Chris Goddard and Chris Taylor are newly appointed Enterprise Coaches working in the Borough of Scarborough; we are one section of a programme that will deliver business start-up advice and support within communities.

The project is funded by the ERDF and Scarborough Borough Council so all advice is free. Our aim is to identify and engage individuals who have the potential to start a business but don't know how to go about it, or don't know where to start.

Advice may include idea generation, business planning, sources of funding, sales, marketing, taxation, accounting and budgeting. For further details or to book an appointment contact,

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School Students Visit Town Hall

Students from the Graham Raincliffe Federation swapped a day in the classroom for a day at Scarborough Borough Council's headquarters as part of their studies. The project was an initiative of the Urban Area Forum's work to mark Local Democracy Week this year when 24 students visited the Town Hall on Tuesday 11 October.

Local Democracy Week takes place every year and is part of a wider campaign about getting young people, local councils and other groups to work together to change their community for the better. The campaign aims to give young people a better understanding of how local democracy works and what their role in the local community is.

The students endured a full day's agenda which included a presentation about the election process, the Council's structure, the importance of the environment and the essential role recycling plays in our everyday lives as well as learning about leisure and tourism in the area.

The Mayor of the Borough of Scarborough, Cllr John Blackburn, took part in the project and was delighted to meet the students taking them through the history of the Town Hall, the role of the Mayor and what a typical day is like for him

during his year in office.

The Mayor of the Borough Scarborough, Cllr John Blackburn added:

"This initiative is all about engaging young people in the democratic process and encouraging them to become actively involved in their local community."

"Local democracy can be a complicated business but we need the younger generation of the borough to understand the roles and responsibilities of local government and how it affects them."

The day came to a close with the students holding their School Council Meeting in the Council Chamber, which gave them a get a real sense of Town Hall life.

