Welcome to this Summer newsletter from Nidderdale Plus!

Hi I'm Andy Milner, I'm a Board member of Nidderdale Plus, resident of Glasshouses and passionate about Nidderdale. I developed Pop Up Pateley at the showground for the TDF weekend and it was great to hear visitors from the south enthusing about Nidderdale and promising to return for holidays in the future. The showground is a great facility for the area - I will be helping Nidderdale Plus at our stand on show day - do come and see us!

Andy Milner, Director, Nidderdale Plus.

Dales Yellow Bikes

Hope you had a great TdF weekend, we are delighted to see so many yellow bikes and bunting still around Nidderdale. There are 2 Trails for our summer visitors, you can download from our website or pick up in numerous shops and attractions in the area. The details are:

Nidderdale Community Transport – many of you will be aware that Nidderdale High School bought a 16 seater minibus just before the summer holidays to be used by pupils for out of school activities and curriculum-based day trips. Through association with Nidderdale Plus, the school is generously offering use of this minibus to our local community, particularly to those individuals or community groups unable to access commercial transport services, for economic or mobility reasons. In addition, Nidderdale Plus
Trail prizes have generously been donated by local businesses and winners will be announced at the Nidderdale Show. Come and see our stand and our photo display.

**Tour de Nidderdale**

You may have spotted some very smart green plaques celebrating the Tour de France in Nidderdale. These have been generously given to parish councils (with thanks to local funders) through a partnership between Sport Nidderdale and Nidderdale Plus and are being displayed as a permanent legacy of this great event. Sport Nidderdale are developing a route across Nidderdale, marking the locations of these commemorative plaques, whilst also pointing out places of interest and promoting local businesses and facilities.

**Nidderdale Show**

Come and visit the Nidderdale Plus team at the Show on 22nd September. We are putting up our own tent this year, and will showcase a display of photos from the Dales Yellow Bike project, as well as having the new Nidderdale Community Car parked alongside. We will also be asking for views on plans to co-locate the local library, tourist information centre, police and Nidderdale Plus into one ‘Community Hub’ – come and tell us your views working on an agreement with North Yorkshire County Council to provide a Community Car, for use by individuals who need transport help to access services (including getting to the no 24 bus service) or for local shopping, visits to the doctor etc. Nidderdale Plus is recruiting volunteer drivers for both the minibus and the Community Car – contact Katy if you’d like to know more!

**Calling all businesses and community organisations in the Washburn Valley** – you are invited to drop in to the new Granary barn at Scaife Hall Farm, Blubberhouses, on Thursday September 25, anytime between 2 and 5pm. Nidderdale Plus will be there, together with other local organisations, with information about local funding opportunities, where to turn to for advice and ideas for promoting your business or organisation. This event is free – just come along!

**Upper Nidderdale Landscape Partnership**: congratulations to Iain Mann (AONB) for securing this Heritage Lottery Funding for Pateley Bridge and the upperdale. Nidderdale Plus is delighted to be a member of the steering group and be directly involved in 3 projects: work to develop the tourism offering in Nidderdale; supporting young people and developing their business skills working in the heritage sector; NiddFest, the new literary festival in the area, a partnership between Nidderdale Plus, AONB and Kit Peel (local author).
Apprentice

Apprenticeship opportunity: Nidderdale Plus is looking to recruit a Business Administration apprentice to help with services in the office at the Old Workhouse and join our team of paid and volunteer staff. Contact VQ Solutions (Harrogate) for details: www.vqsolutions.co.uk

Volunteers

Nidderdale Plus is delighted to work with volunteers who bring their skills to the office at the Old Workhouse, such as customer service skills, social media, IT and admin. If you are able to volunteer some of your time to support the work of Nidderdale Plus, then please get in touch with Katy or Rochelle at the office.

Poet Laureate in Pateley Bridge: a fantastic event was held in July to launch NiddFest, a new literary festival in the dale. A packed Memorial Hall listened to the Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, present her classic woodland fairy-tale ‘The Princess’ Blankets’, together with musical accompaniment from her colleague John Sampson. Carol Ann also presented prizes for a local children’s poetry-writing competition, inspired by nature, and signed copies of her books for many in the audience. Plans for NiddFest 2015 (a weekend of activity in July 2015) are underway, maintaining the theme of literature inspired by nature, and talks and events will be linked to walks and nature activities, celebrating the Nidderdale landscape. NiddFest organisers are delighted that Carol Ann Duffy has agreed to be Patron of NiddFest and will be actively involved in planning for 2015. If you’d be interested in being involved in planning or helping at NiddFest 2015, please get in touch with Katy.


Call into our office Monday to Friday 10am till 4pm or call 01423 714953