

# Upper Calder Valley Renaissance



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## What's it all about?

Yorkshire Forward are the Economic Development Agency for Yorkshire and the Humber; working to make Yorkshire and the Humber the UK's number one region. John Thompson & Partners (Community Planners, Urban Designers and Architects) have been appointed by Yorkshire Forward to lead the Renaissance Market Towns process for the Upper Calder Valley.

## What's happened so far?

John Thompson & Partners have been working with the community of the Valley over the last six months holding a series of Action Planning Days in Todmorden, Walsden, Hebden Bridge, Mytholmroyd and Sowerby Bridge. They have also been visiting local schools, organisations, partnerships and businesses and have developed a draft Vision and Masterplan for each of the towns.

Key themes that have already emerged include:

- Promoting a new image for the Valley
- Establishing Key Gateways and Arteries
- Reinforcing the Quality of the Town Centres
- Enhancing the Valley Setting
- Sustaining Economic Growth
- Rationalising Land Use
- Creating Sustainable Communities
- Empowering Civic Leadership



A Valley Team is being created that will act as an open forum for ongoing ideas and debate to create long term investment projects that will regenerate and revitalise the Upper Calder Valley.

## What's Next?

## Bringing it All Together Weekend

Friday 6 June & Saturday 7 June 2003  
Mytholmroyd Community Centre,  
Elphaborough, Mytholmroyd

A wide range of specialist consultants for the Rural Renaissance Panel will be 'on tap' over the weekend to facilitate the development of the Key themes for the Valley, produce the Aims, Objectives and Actions for the Valley Charter and provide the backbone for the investment plan. There will be an opportunity to work in informal groups with team members to look at the towns and Valley masterplans and contribute your ideas, with the aim of creating action teams to deliver specific projects in due course. If you have a specific interest, join the process or if you would like to have a look at the masterplan for your town come and join a Hands-On-Planning session.

## Just pop in or stay all day!



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## Bringing it All Together Weekend Programme

Mytholmroyd Community Centre, Elphaborough, Mytholmroyd  
Friday 6 June and Saturday 7 June 2003



### Friday

- 10.00** Coffee and Registration  
**10.30** Launch  
**10.45** Presentation  
The Action Planning Days  
The Emerging Vision  
Todmorden, Walsden, Hebden Bridge,  
Mytholmroyd, Sowerby Bridge  
Key Themes
- 12.00** Briefing for Topic Groups  
**13.00** Lunch  
**14.00** Topic Groups  
Establishing **Key Aims and Objectives:**
- 18.00** Refreshments  
**18.30** Report Backs  
Aims and Objectives
- 20.00** Close

### Saturday

- 10.00** Coffee and Registration  
**10.30** Topic Groups  
Prioritising Actions
- 12.30** Lunch  
**13.00** Report Backs  
Aims, Objectives, Actions  
First steps  
Continuing the Process
- 16.00** Refreshments  
**16.30** The Way Forward  
The Valley Charter  
The Valley Team
- 18.00** Close

**Your Ideas Matter! Have Your Say!**

### Topic Groups:

#### Young People

What's missing?  
What's needed?  
How do we deliver it?

#### Social Well-being

Health and Education  
Sports and Leisure  
Special needs

#### Getting About

Road, Rail, River, Canal, Foot and  
Bridle paths  
Delivering an integrated transport  
strategy  
Making movement a pleasure

#### The Valley Setting

Landscape and ecology  
Environmental stewardship  
Sustainability

#### Tourism, Culture and Heritage

Celebrating the Valley  
Marking the Valley  
Festivals and events

#### Housing

Public and private sector housing  
Registered social landlords  
How will we live in the future?

#### Farming and the Rural Economy

Current needs  
Threats and Opportunities  
Diversification

#### Enterprise and Small Business development

What training do we need?  
Can we identify opportunities?  
Can we benefit from 'Clustering'?

#### Marketing and information technology

How do we market the Valley?  
How do we market small business?  
What technology do we need?

#### Delivery Mechanisms and Civic Leadership

Public Private Partnerships and  
Trusts  
The Local Strategic Partnership  
The Valley Team

**Alongside the Topic Groups Hands-On-Planning sessions will run throughout the Weekend. Come and have your say about the masterplan for your town!**

**Don't forget to be at the Report Back: 8 July 6.30pm,  
St Michael's Sunday School, Mytholmroyd**