

# Bridge Replacement



## Major works on Glasgow Road are due to start in January 2011.

The works, to replace Bathgate Water Bridge, are expected to last for approximately 8 months. The work will be carried out in 3 phases; Phase 1 & 2 will run from January - May 2011 and will be carried out under traffic management while the 3rd Phase June - August 2011 will involve a road closure.

The works will inevitably have an impact on the town, particularly businesses on Glasgow Road. Enterprising Bathgate Ltd has been working with West Lothian Council to ensure that town centre businesses are kept informed of developments.

**All businesses on Glasgow Road open for business during this time.**



**An information event for businesses on Glasgow Road was held on Thursday 16th December in Bathgate Business Centre. Should any business require further information on the works please contact [adam.watt@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:adam.watt@westlothian.gov.uk)**



**Regeneration works take a Christmas break**

**To minimise impact to businesses over the Christmas period work on St David's Square and The Steelyard has been temporarily stopped and will resume in the New Year.**

Works to be completed in the New Year include:

- The completion of the paving in The Steelyard
- Installation of granite tree pits incorporating seating in The Steelyard and planting of trees
- Installation of street furniture
- Deep clean of Town Centre including chewing gum removal

**It is hoped that these works will be completed by March 2011 and will deliver an enhanced public realm and events spaces for Bathgate Town Centre.**

# Funding available for Training

**Flexible Training Opportunities gives businesses with under 75 employees the opportunity to apply for up to £5,000 towards employee training costs.**

Launched by Skills Development Scotland (SDS) and supported by the European Social Fund, it aims to help small businesses become more resilient and to boost productivity and success.

Funding is available for up to 10 employees per business, including Sole Traders, and the money is not a loan so there's no need to pay it back.

SDS will refund up to 50% of each episode of employee training up to a maximum of £500 per employee.

It effectively means you can double your training investment. Or it might help you introduce some training when you thought it wouldn't be possible.

**The application process is simple and the rewards can really make a difference. Many businesses have already taken advantage of the offer. More information can be found on <http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/>. For advice on how to apply, call free on 0800 783 6000.**

For additional advice including help completing the application form please contact

**Melissa Molina,  
Business Adviser,  
Business Gateway  
West Lothian Council  
on 01506 777928 or  
[melissa.molina@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:melissa.molina@westlothian.gov.uk)**

## ZERO WASTE PROJECT

**During January Zero Waste Scotland, on behalf of Enterprising Bathgate Ltd, will conduct a feasibility study to explore issues and opportunities around waste and the current collection services available for Bathgate BID Levy payers. The aim is to gain a better understanding of the volume and types of waste being created and to establish whether additional recycling services are**

**viable. At this time you will be sent a questionnaire and we would ask that you assist us by taking 5 minutes to complete this. In addition, Zero Waste Scotland will visit a number of businesses to complete a waste audit and provide free help and advice on issues such as waste minimisation and recycling. We will provide feedback from the feasibility in the next newsletter.**

## Café Franchise Opportunity Bathgate Partnership Centre

**West Lothian Council will shortly be advertising for catering businesses to tender for this exciting Bathgate franchise opportunity.**

The tender will be advertised in the National Procurement Scotland web site and local Bathgate businesses are encouraged to tender.

The building will be open to public in September 2011 and the facility will

include, Bathgate library, Community Centre, Council Information Services and the Advice Shop. There will also be 100 council staff based at the new location, with the building having an anticipated monthly footfall in excess of 20,000.

**For further information please contact in writing:  
Jim Saunders, West Lothian Council,  
Area services, West Lothian Civic Centre,  
Howden South Road, Livingston, EH54 6FF  
or by e - mail: [jim.saunders@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:jim.saunders@westlothian.gov.uk)**

## Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place at 6pm on Thursday 10th of February 2011 in Bathgate Business Centre. **Only eligible members of the company are entitled to attend and vote at this meeting.** Eligible members will receive official notification of the meeting in due course.

Members of the Company can propose new Board Members to be considered at the AGM in accordance with clause 9.6 of the Articles of Association. Any intention to propose a new director should be made in full accordance with Clause 9.6 and received in writing at our registered office. Should members require any assistance with this procedure **please contact**

**Suzanne Scott, BIDs Manager, on 01506 777 926.**

## Taxi Marshal Scheme extended into 2011

Enterprising Bathgate Ltd are pleased to announce that the Taxi Marshal Scheme will be extended into 2011 as a result of additional funding secured through the Safer Streets Initiative. The scheme, which is part of the Safe & Secure programme, will operate on each Saturday night through January, February and March 2011.

The Taxi Marshals, which are all trained security operatives, assist in ensuring the public are in a safe environment while waiting at the Taxi Rank on King Street. Lothian & Borders Police, a partner in the project, provide ongoing support to the marshals through a direct radio link which has been funded by Enterprising Bathgate Ltd.

Please get in touch if you have any good news you would like to share with the rest of the business community in the BID area.

Write to the team at: **The Bathgate Business Centre, Whitburn Road, Bathgate EH48 1HH Tel: 01506 637537 Email: [info@bathgatebid.net](mailto:info@bathgatebid.net)**