

Wansdyke Refurbishment Project Programme Highlights

GWE Business West's Enterprise Services and Workspace divisions are delighted to announce the completion of the refurbishment of Wansdyke Business Centre in Midsomer Norton.

Wansdyke Business Centre Refurbishment

The project, supported by Bath & North East Somerset Council and largely funded by the West of England Rural Renaissance Partnership, aimed to dramatically improve the Centre for existing tenants and others who use the workspace and meeting room facilities – mainly small and growing businesses from Midsomer Norton, Radstock and the surrounding rural areas.

Additional Workspace

The refurbishment created an additional six office units to let, thus meeting an important objective within the local community plan to create more workspace for small and growing businesses thus supporting the diversification of the local and rural economy.

Sustainable Hub

The project also aimed to create a sustainable hub for business support, providing business advice and seminars that are easy to access for the rural business community and those thinking of starting a business.

- For more information about the units to let please call 01761 411800 or email ruth.gilbertson@gwebusinesswest.co.uk

Achievements

Together with Bath & North East Somerset Council's Development and Regeneration team, GWE Business West Enterprise Services and Workspace teams achieved the following:

- 6 new high quality offices created (approximately additional 900sqft)
- 16.8 FTE jobs created (based on tenants coming in during period of project)
- 3 new businesses taking up office space at the Business Centre
- 22 days of business advice provided by Business Link
- 2 business seminars provided by Business Link
- £66,000 leverage of private investment
- £74,000 leverage of public investment
- Improvements to the Business Centre including audio-visual facilities, IT connectivity, security and signage

Colliers Way Project

Those involved in this project also worked on the Rural Renaissance Colliers Way project, providing business support visits and meeting facilities. The launch event of the Colliers Way leaflet and website was held at the Business Centre – just one example of the importance of this centre as a hub for business and economic activity in Bath & North East Somerset.

- For more information about the project please call on 01225 338383 or email tracy.benson@gwebusinesswest.co.uk