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Choose from the following 7 projects:



1. 28 MILE CIRCULAR WALK GUIDE BOOK

Amount required: £300

Otley is an accredited Walkers are Welcome town and volunteers have developed, published and maintain over 100 miles of walking routes that either start or finish in Otley. Our next project is to produce a 45-page guidebook with maps and descriptions for a 28 mile circular walking route that starts and finishes in Otley, linking the Walkers are Welcome communities of Otley, Burley-in-Wharfedale and Baildon. The funding would support waymarks, design and publication of the Otley element of the walk.



2. OTLEY HERITAGE BOARDS

Amount required: £10,000

Many visitors, young people and new residents are unaware of Otley's rich agricultural and industrial heritage. This project proposes to install five detailed signboards that will tell the story of Otley. These storyboards would be located in key locations around the town and will feature Otley's history in relation to: two agricultural farmers markets; the Buttercross; the importance of industries such as: printing, leather and woollen industries; plant hire; light and heavy engineering; biscuit and paper manufacture.



Photo courtesy of Otley Museum

3. PAST & PRESENT WALKING TRAIL GUIDE

Amount required: £2,500

Take a moment to explore the hidden heritage of Otley. This project aims to create a guided walking trail through a journey of discovery, into the heart and the history of Otley. This walking trail would be available in a published leaflet with accompanying maps, past and present photographs and brief commentary to sites of interest and heritage in and around Otley.



4. BEACON HILL VIEW POINT

Amount required: £10,000

The breath taking and little known Beacon Hill on Otley Chevin is one of the highest points in the City of Leeds offering spectacular 360° views. This project would provide an access path and viewing platform, with a 360° plinth descriptor of the amazing views.

NB: Voting closes at noon on Monday 14th September

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5. OTLEY SKATE PARK EXPANSION

Amount required: £10,000

Otley Skate Park is a centre for youth culture in Otley with skateboarding and wheeled sports increasingly growing in popularity. With increased numbers of users Otley skate park is in need of expansion to keep existing users engaged and inspire new users – in turn allowing a vital part of local youth culture to grow and flourish. This project is intended to install 3 new pieces of equipment (quarter pipe, fly off ramp, manual pad) to cater for increased demand and create a safe place for young people to ride.



6. GALLOWS HILL COMMUNITY GARDEN

Amount required: £5,500

Hazelnuts, peaches, asparagus, figs and grapes are just a few examples of the wide variety of food plants that can be grown in our valley. Practically Green hopes to build a Community Garden at the Gallows Hill Nature Area to provide a well-used resource for Otley residents to see for themselves how easy it is to grow some food in your own back garden (no matter how small). The more fruit trees and bushes we can plant, the more there will be for people to pick (for free) for baking, making jam and even wine, for years to come. It is intended to erect a poly-tunnel so we can run (fruit-grafting, sowing and planting, etc) whatever the weather. For more details see www.practically-green-otley.co.uk



7. NAVVIES MONUMENT RESTORATION

Amount required: £5,000

The Navvies Monument in Otley, on Church Lane, is an important Grade II listed memorial to all the Navvies who built the railways of the United Kingdom. A replica of the north portal of the Bramhope tunnel, the Navvies Monument also commemorates the 24 men who died in the construction of the tunnel. This project would repair and conserve the structure for posterity so that the people of Otley and visitors can enjoy the monument in the future.

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