

November 2021

## Who's coming on safari with us this December?

This December we're going 'on safari' for our last meeting of 2021.

But instead of spotting big game on sweeping plains of the Serengeti, members will be swapping business cards and promoting their businesses and services during the event being held on Monday, December 13, at Harrogate College.

For those not in the know, our safaris are effectively speed networking events. The business owners in the room all meet each other, give a brief introduction to their businesses and promote their latest news, services and offers.

Harrogate District Chamber of Commerce CEO David Simister said: "Our business safaris are always very popular events, and give our members an opportunity to introduce themselves and their businesses to everyone in the room.

"These meetings, held twice a year, are only open to members, and a benefit of being a member of our business organisation.

"Once again we are being hosted by Harrogate College, and very much look forward to enjoying their hospitality."

Please note, one person per member organisation is permitted to attend, but a second representative can attend at an extra charge of £15.

To reserve your place/s, please book online [here](#).



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### Dates For Your 2022 Diary

**Monday, January 13, Ridding Park** – What Next for Local Democracy?

**Monday, February 7, at The Old Swan Hotel** – Law, Order and Protecting Your Business

**Monday, March 14, Pavilions of Harrogate** – Marketing Your Business

**Monday, April 11, Hotel St George** – Members' Safari

**Monday, May 9, Harrogate Ladies College** – Entrepreneurs' Story

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## December opening for Co-Lab

A dedicated office and co-working space for digital and tech businesses is set to open at Springfield House, Harrogate Convention Centre next month, thanks to an investment by Harrogate Borough Council.

Known as Co-Lab, the digital incubator at Harrogate Convention Centre on Kings Road, will provide a collaborative environment where businesses can gain access to information about funding and investment, insight, supply chain, help with talent recruitment and other advice that enables tech businesses to thrive.

It will also offer a modern and attractive office space with co-working desk space and lounge area, 10 serviced offices with desk space for up to 10 people, high-speed secure broadband, meeting rooms, kitchen area, showers and facilities.

Alistair Forbes, Harrogate Borough Council's in-house growth manager who will support businesses at Co-Lab, said: "Over the last few years, we've lost count of the number of people who have asked us 'are there any co-working or incubator office spaces in Harrogate?'"

The full news release can be read [here](#).



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### **Have You Got News For us?**

Got a story about your business or organisation you want publicising, then please remember to send it to us.

One of the benefits of Chamber membership is we will publish your news stories online and, more often than not, feature them in our newsletter. Send your articles to [ceo@harrogatechamber.com](mailto:ceo@harrogatechamber.com)

### **Members Directory**

When was the last time you updated your profile in the Members Directory?

This is your opportunity to showcase your services.

If you have forgotten your login details, please email [ceo@harrogatechamber.co.uk](mailto:ceo@harrogatechamber.co.uk)

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### **SignHub first *Your Harrogate* business podcast winner**

As announced last month, members are being given an opportunity to win one of six podcasts made by local news organisation and Chamber member, *Your Harrogate*.

Marc Squires from [SignHub](#) put his business card in the 'hat', and at the end of the meeting was announced as the first winner of these great prizes.

Make sure you bring your business card to our first meeting of the new year, being held Monday January 10, 2022, at Rudding Park, and you too could win a *Your Harrogate* business podcast.

## 'Five Minutes of Fame' back in 2022

'Five Minutes of Fame' – which gives members the opportunity to introduce and promote their businesses at our monthly meetings – will be returning at our January 2022 meeting.

All you need to do is answer the below questions and email them to [ceo@harrogatechamber.co.uk](mailto:ceo@harrogatechamber.co.uk)

And if it's to be your Five Minutes of Fame, we will be in touch.

WHO you are?

WHAT does your business do?

HOW long have you been in business, how many staff do you have?

WHERE are you based?

WHEN & WHY did you join the Chamber?

WHAT are the benefits of being a member?

TELL US what else you would like to see from the Chamber moving forward?

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### Thank you last month's presentation team

A big thank you to [Cedar Court Harrogate](#) for hosting last month's meeting, and to the Harrogate Station Gateway Project team from Harrogate Borough Council and North Yorkshire County Council, for their presentation and the subsequent Q&A session.

The deadline for commenting on the £10.9 project has now passed, and we await the results of the consultation with interest.

### York & North Yorkshire LEP Annual Conference

This Friday (**November 26**) at 10am sees York and North Yorkshire LEP holding its annual conference.

Being staged as a live stream event, '*Reshaping our Economy*' – which is being hosted by LEP Chair Helen Simpson OBE, and its Chief Executive, James Farrar - will be asking how we can seize the opportunity of economic transformation before us and reshape our economy for the future.

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### Thousands of trees due to be planted in the Harrogate district

Harrogate Borough Council is due to plant thousands of trees in Bilton Beck Wood and Willow Wood, Harrogate and Upper Horse Shoe Fields, Knaresborough as part of the White Rose Forest partnership.

The White Rose Forest is the community forest for North and West Yorkshire that

works in partnership with local authorities, landowners, businesses and communities to plant more trees across the region and improve our natural environment

Last week, the [White Rose Forest launched an action plan](#) that sets out how tree planting can be accelerated across the region to build up to a sustained annual target of approximately 3,000 hectares per year from 2025 onwards.

Read more [here](#).