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BUILDING YORKSHIRE'S FUTURE WORKFORCE STARTS WITH SKILLS INVESTMENT

By Clare Fitzgerald, Head of Business Development, Luminate Education Group



When we talk about economic growth, we often focus on investment, infrastructure, and ambitious targets. But less attention is given to the people who

ultimately deliver them.

Across Yorkshire, employers consistently report growing difficulty finding people with the right skills. At the same time, more than one million young people in the UK are not in education, employment, or training (NEET).

These two challenges are closely connected. **If businesses cannot recruit, they cannot grow. If young people cannot access opportunity, talent is lost. Solving both together is essential to strengthening the regional economy.**

Build & Recruit

Yorkshire is preparing for significant investment in housing development, infrastructure expansion, and the transition to a greener economy. However, Local Skills Improvement Plans continue to highlight persistent shortages in construction, engineering, manufacturing, and professional services.

Skills development is no longer optional, it is foundational to economic growth

At Luminate Education Group, including Keighley College, we work directly with employers to respond to these gaps. In practical terms, this includes the reintroduction of apprenticeships in plumbing and electrical installation,

responding directly to employer demand and supporting critical infrastructure delivery.

We are also supporting housing and retrofit ambitions. These trades are essential to building new homes and upgrading existing stock to meet net zero targets.

In addition, we have brought back the Level 2 Business Administration Apprenticeship. Previously one of the most popular entry routes in England, it was withdrawn in 2024. Its return provides a vital first step into work for young people.

For many learners, apprenticeships are not just training, they are the foundation of a career, combining real workplace experience with essential professional skills.

Why apprenticeships matter

Apprenticeships play a critical role in: Filling urgent skills gaps for employers Supporting social mobility and inclusion Building long-term workforce capacity Creating clear pathways into stable employment.

A call to action

If Yorkshire is serious about delivering its growth ambitions, skills must sit at the centre of the strategy.

We need stronger collaboration between employers, education providers, and government to ensure training keeps pace with real demand.

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SATURDAY 8 AUGUST - CLIFFE CASTLE
SATURDAY 15 AUGUST - CHURCH GREEN
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Who are we?

Our Keighley Denture Expert is Matthew Varley (Dip CDT RCS)

Matthew Varley is the partner and Managing Director of My Denture

Clinics, here he works as a Clinical Dental Technician (Dip CDT RCS).

Matt was born and raised in Pudsey, where he met his wife Angela Varley at school. They have 2 sons; Ray and Austin, he hopes one day they will follow him into the dental profession and share in his passion for dentistry.

Within his 23 years of experience, Matt has changed the lives and smiles of many, some of which are during one day implant immediate loading cases, and same day smiles, which he specialises in. The regular accolades received from clients and patients alike are testament to his passion for his work. Matt has a keen eye for detail and endeavours to provide the best care possible. Matthew completed his dental technology qualification at Leeds Dental Institute, he finished first in his class achieving distinctions throughout and was awarded overall best student and the acclaimed technical achievement award.

Matthew Varley started his journey as a Registered Dental Technician (RDT), however after 23 years experience working as a RDT in highly acclaimed laboratories, Matt made the decision in 2018 to set up his own business alongside fellow business partner Joseph O'Reilly.

Matt also returned to university to further his dental knowledge and become a Clinical Dental Technician, receiving the prestigious royal college of surgeons (Dip CDT RCS).

How can we help you?

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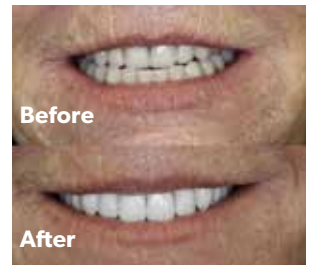


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Bradford's heritage buildings provide a striking backdrop to museums and galleries across the district. At **Cartwright Hall Art Gallery**, artist **Jim Moir (Vic Reeves)** presents **Neo Fauna (until 31 August)**, while **Bill Bailey's Extraordinary Portraits** are on show at **Loading Bay** in the city centre (**until 26 July**). At **Salts Mill** in Saltaire, **David Hockney's iconic work** sits alongside independent shops, cafés and exhibition spaces.

This year marks **25 years of Saltaire as a UNESCO World Heritage Site**, where heritage and creativity continue to sit side by side. Visitors can take part in workshops at **The Little Craft House** or create their own pottery keepsake at **Salts Pots**.

Here in the **Worth Valley**, creativity is already part of everyday life. **Haworth's moorland landscape** continues to inspire walkers and artists, while the **Brontë Parsonage Museum** brings

the period to life through demonstrations of traditional crafts including lace making and Victorian hair jewellery.

Haworth Festival adds a contemporary layer, celebrating the village as a living creative community with music, literature, theatre and workshops. Why not take part, try a **pottery session** at **The Classroom** at **Cobbles & Clay**, join community activity at **South Square** in

Thornton, or simply challenge yourself to visit familiar places with fresh eyes?

Beside the **River Wharfe, Ilkley** offers independent shops, restaurants

and a lively programme of events, including the **Summer Makers Fair** at **Ilkley Manor House (25–26 July)**, the **Real Ilkley Food Market**, and creative workshops at **Mrs Dutton's Wondrous Workshops**. Over the **August Bank Holiday (30–31 August)**, **Bard in the Yard** returns with outdoor theatre at **Ilkley Manor House**.

Whether you're discovering somewhere new or re-engaging with places you already know, make it a day, make it a weekend...

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Friends of East Riddlesden Hall - meet once a month between Oct and April on a Thursday 2pm to 4pm in the Airedale Barn. Contact Secretary on 0771 373 3516 for more details

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Every Monday 7 -9 pm Andy's Man Club Project 6, Devonshire Street, Keighley

Every Monday to Friday Dementia Friendly Keighley 10am – 4 pm Open for drop-in anytime for coffee and chat for people living with dementia and their carers and families. 6 College Walk, Airedale Shopping Centre, Keighley.

East Morton Playgroup. Sessions; Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30- 11am term time. Find us on facebook Lots of toys, singing & snack

Every Tuesday 10am - 12 noon Keighley Remember When? Fancy a chat? Age UK Unit 8 Airedale Centre, Cooke Lane, Keighley.

Every Tuesday 10.30am -12 Dominoes Club at Keighley Civil Centre, Keighley

Every Tuesday Dementia Friendly Keighley 10am – 12.30 pm Games Morning, for people/carers living with dementia **Airedale Shopping Centre, Keighley.**

Morton WI every second Tuesday evening each month. Social evening with refreshments at **The Institute in East Morton 7:20 pm.** Contact Ann 07968094238 or email presidentmortonwi@gmail.com

Every Tuesday 7.30pm Airedale Male Voice Choir at Steeton Methodist Church, Skipton Road, Steeton. No audition all welcome or call Roy 07944 092883

Every Tuesday 7 - 9pm Men's Peer Support Group Free Safe & Friendly environment for men to share, chat & laugh. Airedale Enterprise Services, Sunderland Street, Keighley, BD21 5LE

The Craft and Chat group which meet on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10am to 12pm** in the **Church Hall, Keighley New Church, Braithwaite Road, Keighley.** Enjoy crafting or just a friendly chat amongst friends

Every Wednesday 10am - 1pm Dementia drop in -Sangat Community Association Marlborough Street Keighley 01535 610263 A drop in for people living with dementia and people who feel they they may have dementia

Every Wednesday 11 am - 2pm Keighley Dementia Advice at Keighley Library Whether you need advice, a listening ear, or guidance through the challenges dementia can bring. Contact 07961 537888

Every Wednesday Morton Meet and Tiny Feet Cafe at East Morton Institute on 2.15pm to 4.15pm.

Every Wednesday 1pm -2.30pm Civic Centre Keighley Gibson Dance Exercise Class for ladies 50 plus.

4th Thursday of the month 11 am to 1 pm at Keighley New Church, Braithwaite Road, Keighley BD22 6PX. All are welcome.

Thursdays 10 -11.30am Cafe, Chat & Crafts weekly social for over 55's at **St Michaels Centre, Bracken Bank Grove, BD22 7BE**

Every Thursday from 1.30pm Time For Me Bereavement Support Group meet at The Three Horses, Fell Lane, Keighley, BD22 6BZ. Further info contact helen.timeforme@gmail.com

Thursday & Fridays 10.30am to 3 pm The Drop-In at The Civic Centre, Keighley. A great place to meet new people, play board games or dabble in arts & crafts.

Every Friday 9am -11.30am Table Top Sale (clothes, houseware, furniture etc) at **The Good Shepherd Centre, West Lane, Keighley, BD22 6ES.**

Every second Saturday of a month 10am -12 noon Riddlesden Green Connection Community Cafe at **St Mary's Meeting Room, Banks Lane BD20 5PA .** Eco liquid refills, book swap and cafe

Sun 5th July and alternate Sundays Keighley Can Sing 2 pm -3.30 pm Open singing group for anyone wanting to connect and sing with others for joy. Warm, friendly and supportive group **Central Hall, Alice Street, Keighley**

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Sat 18th July 11am 2pm Laycock Village Hall is holding s Summer Fete. Stall holders selling local crafts and treats, knitted and crochet goods, skincare, soaps and scrubs, haircare and plenty more.

Thurs 23rd July 11am - 3pm Fraud & Scam Awareness Event at Civic Centre, North Street, Keighley - help advise & support. Refreshments provided. Free Event.

Sat 1st Aug 11am - 5pm Creative Earth Eco Festival at Cliffe Castle Keighley Family Friendly Free admission.

Sat 1st Aug 11 am - 3pm

Yorkshire Day Lund Park Keighley BD21 1JQ A packed day of free attractions for all the family.

Mon 3rd until 8th Aug Keighley's Jurassic Adventures Keighley Airedale Centre Fossil digging, Dino Bus on Church Green, Arts & Crafts & lots more. **See Keighley Bid for full details.**

Sat 8th Aug Keighley Gala 10.30am Parade on North Street 11am - 3pm at Cliffe Castle Keighley food stalls, fun fair, donkey rides, play in the parks, face painting.

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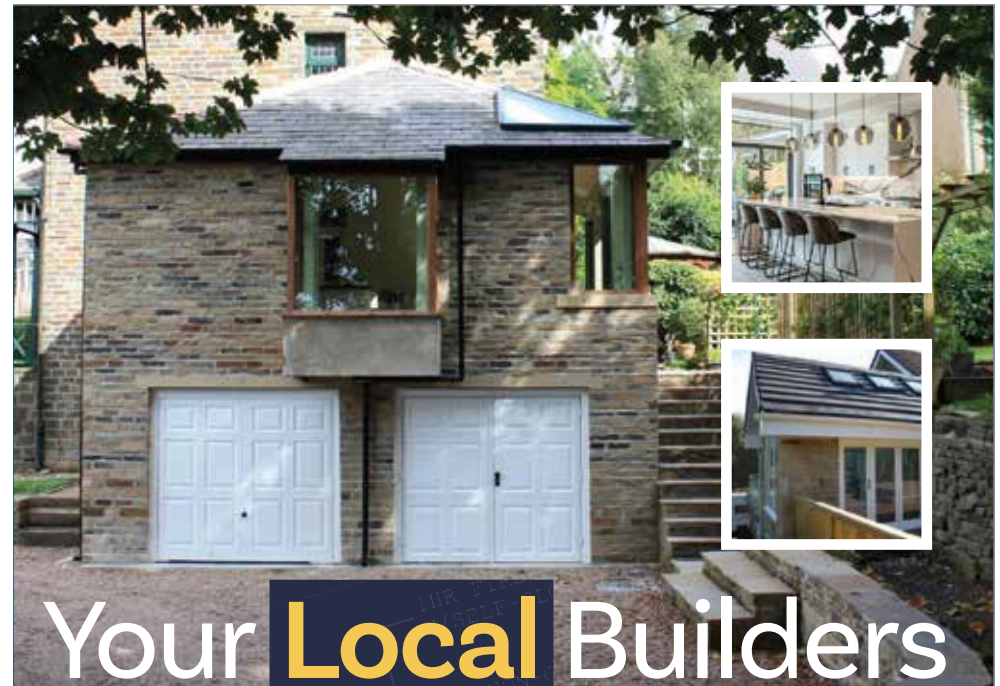
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After ten years of dedicated service, we'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to the Charlesworth family, who are retiring from delivering the Aire Valley Mag in Long Lee. Some of our most reliable delivery teams have been families working together. For many young people, delivering the magazine is a first job, helping them earn pocket money while learning responsibility and reliability. The support of parents is often what makes that first experience such a success.

Mum, Jancie explains, "We started in 2016

when Morgan was 13 and wanted to earn some pocket money. We delivered together as a family to support her. When Morgan got her first Saturday job, Rowan took over the round, and later Dad, Richard, carried it on when Rowan also started work. Although the girls have now grown up, we still delivered together whenever we could. Now it's time to pass the round on to another young person earning their first pocket money. We wish them well!" To Richard, Janice, Morgan and Rowan, thank you for your loyalty, commitment and cheerful service over the past decade. Your family has helped keep our community connected, and we're truly grateful. We wish you every happiness and hope another local family will enjoy the same rewarding experience.

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Gazpacho



This classic chilled soup comes from southern Spain, where it's been keeping people cool for generations.
by Martin Lingard

This is probably the easiest recipe I'll ever write – there's no cooking involved! It's perfect for hot summer evenings, just like the one I'm writing this on.

The secret is to use really ripe, large tomatoes and a good quality extra virgin olive oil. You can use red wine vinegar if that's what you have, but sherry vinegar really does make a difference. I also like to save a little of the tomato, pepper and cucumber, finely chopped, to sprinkle over the top with an extra drizzle of olive oil. You'll often find gazpacho served with croutons in restaurants. Feel free to add them if you like, though they're not really to my taste.

Serves 4–6, depending on appetite and what you're serving it with.

Ingredients

75g stale bread, soaked in cold water for 20–30 minutes

1 kg large, very ripe tomatoes, halved

2 large red peppers, deseeded and roughly chopped

2 cloves garlic, peeled

1 cucumber, peeled, deseeded and roughly chopped

150ml good quality extra virgin olive oil
3 tbsp sherry vinegar
1–2 tsp sea salt, to taste

Method

Scoop the pulp and seeds from the tomatoes into a large sieve set over a bowl. Push as much of the juice and pulp through the sieve as you can, then discard the seeds and rinse the sieve; you'll need it again later. Squeeze the water from the soaked bread and add it to the tomato juice. Add the tomatoes, peppers, garlic, cucumber, olive oil, sherry vinegar and salt, then give everything a good mix.

Working in batches, blend the mixture in a liquidiser or food processor until smooth, then pour it through the clean sieve into your serving bowl. You may need to help it through with the back of a spoon or a spatula.

Cover and chill in the fridge for at least a couple of hours. Before serving, check the consistency. If it's a little thicker than you'd like, simply stir in a splash of ice-cold water. Serve in chilled soup bowls, topped with the reserved chopped tomato, pepper and cucumber, and finish with a final drizzle of olive oil.



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It's certainly feeling like summer here at the Brontë Parsonage Museum, and we've got plenty in store to keep the whole family entertained, and lots of events which you can pop in to for free when you visit the Museum. We're very excited to be taking part in this year's **Bradford Heritage Festival, between Monday 13th and Sunday 19th July**. We'll be hosting a **daily guided walk up to Penistone Hill** where you can be inspired by the very same landscape that was so beloved by the Brontës and explore the remnants of the area's industrial past. We'll also be joined by storyteller **Sophia Hatfield on Wednesday 15th July**, who will be performing her unique take on local tales and folklore with music, costumes, and props! Plus, **Thursday, 16th July** you can take a trip back to 1848 and **A Saunter Round the Sights (and a Canter up the Cobbles)** with the Brontës own faithful servant **Tabby Ackroyd and Haworth grave-digger**



John Brown. This outdoor performance brings history to life, starting from the Brontë Parsonage Museum and heading out to the churchyard and the cobbles at the top of Main Street. **On Saturday 1st August**, we'll be joined again by conceptual artist and historian **Donna Lawson** who will be demonstrating techniques used in creating Victorian hair jewellery. Plus, on **Saturday 15th August** we'll be joined by lacemaker **Catherine Lillie**, who recently led a sold-out workshop at the Museum. Catherine will be showcasing the art of bobbin lacemaking. Through her work, she aims to revive the endangered craft of bobbin lacemaking through participation and teaching, so come along and be inspired! **All these events are free with admission to the Brontë Parsonage Museum, and remember, if you live locally, you can book Museum tickets for just £9 and come back as many times as you'd like within 12 months! bronte.org.uk**



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