



Meeting with Targetfollow

(Freeholder of The Pantiles and Tunbridge Wells and Rusthall Commons)

On **Friday 11 December 2009** Christopher Thomas and Daniel Bech met with Jeremy Aldous and Harry Savory of Targetfollow at the Corn Exchange, Pantiles, to discuss various topics, which are of interest to the Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Forum.

- 1) Rejuvenation of the Pantiles – There are no plans filed yet.
- 2) The possibility of routing the Town Centre Bus Links / ‘Shopper Hopper’ buses through Linden Park Road and High Street (proposed for the ‘Royal Tunbridge Wells Masterplan’ / Town Centre Area Action Plan) – Targetfollow welcomed these ideas. This will be raised at a future meeting with Arriva Bus.
- 3) The possibility of Targetfollow to let the Town Forum use an empty shop on the Pantiles for a short period at no rent was discussed; Jeremy Aldous said that this was feasible.
- 4) Jeremy Aldous informed that some offices on the Pantiles would run out of their leases in 2014. Daniel Bech said that there is a Local Economy & Housing Select Committee on 7 January 2010 giving a recommendation on how South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) / West Kent could work together more efficiently with the borough. He will update Targetfollow in due course.
- 5) Within the rejuvenation programme, a substantial amount of planters and troughs will be put up on the Pantiles. Schools participating in the “Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom” initiative could plant these baskets etc. Staff of Targetfollow could then maintain the planters. Jeremy Aldous welcomed this idea.
- 6) Daniel Bech suggested that Kent Highways would facilitate a cleaning up and decorating of RTW roundabouts, provided there would be volunteers or sponsors ready to take on the involved works. Jeremy Aldous showed interest, as there might be a chance to erect a small sign raising awareness of the Pantiles at the London Road / Eridge Road roundabout.
- 7) The opportunity to organise a “Weinfest” in Royal Tunbridge Wells was discussed.
- 8) Jeremy Aldous suggested that there should be regular meetings with the Town Forum.