

## North Yorkshire Business Pledge Over 3,200 Hours to Local Charities

To kick off the countdown to their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Belzona, a designer and manufacturer of industrial repair composites and coatings, have launched an employee volunteer scheme that will give back to the local community on a massive scale.

The scheme will enable employees based at the Harrogate head office to use 1% of their annual working time to support local Harrogate charities. This equates to around three days, or 19.5 hours a year for full-time employees.



Belzona pledge support for local charities

As part of the new scheme, around 167 employees will be volunteering with the Harrogate Homeless Project and HELP (Harrogate Easier Living Project).

The Harrogate Homeless Project is an independent charity whose aim is to alleviate the growing number of people sleeping rough in the district. The project operates from two sites, the first being a 16 bed hostel and second, a day centre called Springboard, both in Harrogate. Volunteers can help with food preparation, supervising service users and the general smooth running of the enterprise.

HELP offers a support network for older, disabled and vulnerable people allowing them to remain independent in their own homes. As a branch of Harrogate & Ripon Centres for Voluntary Service, this independent registered charity works throughout the District of Harrogate, providing a variety of different voluntary projects. Projects that Belzona will be involved in include:

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- ‘**Help At Home**’: A practical service offering DIY, gardening, decorating and odd jobs
- ‘**Opening Doors**’: Accompanied support to help people get out and about to social events and on outings
- ‘**Driving Force**’: A voluntary car driving service which provides transport to medical appointments and for essential trips

Laura Smith, Belzona’s Corporate Development Manager heading up the scheme, said “This is an excellent opportunity for all of the Belzona staff to help a little more within the local area. Now, more than ever, the idea of community is essential; not only on a local scale but globally. By building upon fundraising efforts and community events from previous years, the 1% Club endeavours to create a stronger relationship with our two chosen charities. Overall, Belzona aim to develop a lasting connection that will hopefully continue onwards from 2016.”

As the company continues to expand, equally will their efforts to support the local community with various volunteering and fundraising projects planned for the upcoming years.

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### **Notes to Editor-**

#### **About Belzona:**

- Established in 1952, Belzona has pioneered innovative polymer technology that has revolutionised industrial repair and maintenance procedures.
- Belzona is a leading company in the design and manufacture of polymer repair composites and industrial protective coatings for the repair, protection and improvement of machinery, equipment, buildings and structures.
- At Harrogate, the full Belzona product range is manufactured to stringent quality and environmental control guidelines complying with the requirements of ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004.
- Belzona has over 140 Distributors in more than 120 countries ensuring not only the availability of Belzona materials, but also specification support, project management, application and supervision services. Distributorships and their teams are supported by Belzona Corporate offices in Europe, North America and Asia.

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