

### **Visit for RIDBA Members**

RIDBA and RIDBA Wessex have arranged a visit to the Clipper Teas Development Site in Beaminster including lunch at Beaminster Town Hall.

### **About the Development Site**

Wessex Group's autumn visit will this year feature a change from the usual format of seeing a latest design project all finished and on show to an opportunity to see a "project in progress" and examine being involved in a brown field site scheme.



Beaminster in West Dorset is a small and beautiful minster town that, following the prosperity of the flax and hemp industries, saw itself in the 50s and 60s enjoying good employment with a milk factory, a plastics factory, a couple of large builders, an agricultural engineer and a large quarry transport company. When a typical downturn occurred, the transport company and several of the others closed, and after a period of minimal activity, Clipper Teas purchased this site and ran it very successfully. They were taken over by the present owners Wessanen in 2012. They have plans to expand the production of the specialist tea range to cover their requirements in an ever-expanding European and International market.

The visit on 12<sup>th</sup> October will commence with a morning conference session to explain the planners take on the scheme, what they require when an application is submitted, the client's needs and expectations, the particular problems encountered on brownfield sites and the contractors understanding and approach to same.

After a cooked lunch we shall visit the site to see work in progress and be privileged to be shown the existing facilities and tea production ongoing.

## PROGRAMME

- 10:30 Assemble at Beaminster Town Hall, Fleet Street, Beaminster, DT8 3EF
- 11:00 Welcome by Peter Hardwill, RIDBA Wessex Committee
- 11:10 Introduction to Site Planning, Building Regulations, Local Authority, Brown Field Implications and Site Variations
- 11:40 Detail points of client expectations
- 12:00 Contractor's Site Report
- 12:20 Questions and Discussion
- 13:00 Lunch at Beaminster Town Hall
- 14:00 Arrive at Clipper Teas, Beaminster Business Park/Broadwindsor Rd, DT8 3PR
- 14:30 View Site and Ongoing Works
- 14:50 Tour existing Clipper Teas Factory and Production
- 15:30 Questions and Discussion
- 16:00 Closing Remarks and Departures

### **DIRECTIONS**

From the north at Crewkerne, take the A356 after Misterton village, at the cross roads turn right on to the A3066 road to Beaminster. On entering Beaminster proceed and turn left in to the town and look for the turning on the left in to Fleet Street and park at the Town Hall.

If coming from the south at Bridport take the A3066 and proceed in the direction of Beaminster, on entering Beaminster look for a turning on the right showing Fleet Street and proceed and park adjacent to the Town Hall.

### **COST**

The morning conference, cooked lunch and site visit of Clipper Teas will cost just **£15 per person.**

## Booking Form

### Contact Details

<b>Contact Name:</b>	<b>Company Name:</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>

### Names of Attendees


### Payment

- By BACS  
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Sort Code 40-44-04
- By Cheque made payable to: **RIDBA (Wessex)**

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