

Cragg News

SUPERFAST BROADBAND IN CRAGG VALE

18 months ago, Craggs Country Business Park committed to building a Wireless Network Bridge from their Head Office down into Cragg Vale

The aim was to provide Super Fast internet services to the frustrated residents of the Valley.

Building the network was a challenge with both the weather and geography of the valley causing a few headaches, but customers started being connected just over a year ago.

Since launch, there have been more than 20 connections to homes with speeds of between 17 and 30MB and the network was recently upgraded to allow faster

speeds in the future. The BT Leased Line connection was upgraded from 50Mb to 100Mb in 2016 and again to a lightning 200Mb this month, allowing the network to be shared across a greater number of connections and still increase both performance and stability.

After a pause in connections over the winter, new additions from the waiting list will be bought online now that the weather is better and the backbone of the network has been upgraded.

To ensure that no one misses out from the next phase of connections, if anyone wants to be added, check they are on the waiting list or want further details of pricing and terms, please contact info@thecraggs.co.uk

SUMMER

June

Friday 2nd June Broadhead Clough
Volunteers needed: meet 10am by reserve signboard, contact Helen Pedley YWT for information: 886195

Tuesday 13th June CVCA Committee Meeting
7.30pm, Robin Hood – all welcome

Thursday 15th June History Group
Away Trip to Haworth

Wednesday 28th June Cragg Vale Fell Race
7.30pm, £5 Registration at St. John's Church, refreshments at the Church

July

Sunday 2nd July Cragg Vale School Duck Race
11am, with refreshments at St John's Church

Friday 7th July Broadhead Clough
Volunteers needed: meet 10am by reserve signboard, contact Helen Pedley YWT for information: 886195

Thursday 13th July Cragg Vale Celebration Evening Everyone is welcome to visit Cragg Vale School for an evening of history, memories and celebration. Please look out for the posters with more details - coming soon!

August

Friday 4th August Broadhead Clough
Volunteers needed: meet 10am by reserve signboard, contact Helen Pedley YWT for information: 886195

September

Friday 1st September Broadhead Clough
Volunteers needed: meet 10am by reserve signboard, contact Helen Pedley YWT for information: 886195

Saturday 9th September Cragg Fest
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A healthy balanced diet can be hard to maintain especially if you have a child who is challenging with their food choices. We also promote "eat a rainbow" of fruit and vegetables. The cook chooses a colour of the rainbow and buys fruit and vegetables in season the same colour for the children to try at snack time. We have a consistent approach to teaching the children about the different colours and textures of the food and the importance of a balanced diet. This is done in a fun environment with the encouragement of the staff and the other children in the group trying the fruit and vegetables. We encourage the children to talk about which fruit and vegetables they like the best,

although trying lemons usually produces some very funny faces!

Preschool have started the funky foods programme where they encourage a balanced diet using an "eatwell" plate showing the correct portion sizes to ensure a balanced diet. The programme teaches the children through different activities, the importance of eating 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day. There are exciting activities around healthy lifestyles and exercise and what our body needs to grow and develop. There are lots of ideas and recipes for parents to access through the website www.phunkyfoods.co.uk.




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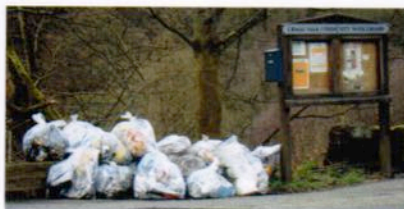
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Cragg Vale Fell Race

On Wednesday 28th June anyone over 14 is welcome to try out this friendly little 4 mile fell race. The record is just under 27 minutes! The race is at 7.30pm, registration (£5) is at St John's Church in Cragg Vale, where there will also be plenty of homemade refreshments. The event is sponsored by Little Valley Brewery, who have donated the prizes and beer to buy on the night. The map and more details are on the Calder Valley Fell Runners website. All proceeds go to Cragg Church.

HELPERS REQUIRED: If you have an hour to spare, could you help with registration or marshal a point on the route? The more locals and non-runners who help, the more money we can raise. [I often have to ask running friends, who then give up their race, to help]. Contact **Jackie Scarf: thescarfs@hotmail.com** or tel 882555

Cragg Vale Clean-Up



The 'Big Spring Clean-Up' was very successful, although it is sad people think it's OK to throw bottles, cans, and empty food cartons onto our grass verges. A big 'Thank You' goes to all who helped - and to Hebden Royd Town Council who not only provided the sacks, and 'picking-sticks' but also rewarded our efforts, helping community association funds. Perhaps attention should be drawn to the fact that we don't have a 'dog-poo fairy' and so the little sacks of poo deposited around, hung on the fence (!!) and even dropped behind the poo bin (why not in the bin??) waited for our volunteers. If you see anyone doing this, please ask them to use the bin!



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Broadhead Clough June 2017 update

Around 1260 a song was written describing this time of year perfectly. It starts in today's spelling with "Summer is a'coming in: loudly sings Cuckoo!" We are so lucky to have one returning again this year to the reserve - one of only 2 YWT sites to have cuckoos of the 36 surveyed in 2016. In England our summer highlights are as varied as our countryside and here in Cragg we have grasslands, rocky "cliffs", moors, woods and rivers - the only one missing is the sea. Whilst we can see all these landscapes through our window, windscreen or on-line there is something about being immersed in the sound, the smell and the textures of nature which sight alone just doesn't give. Once again throughout June the Wildlife Trusts are running their 30 Days Wild project. This year they are focussing on how connecting with nature can help human wellbeing as much as how our help can support nature.

A report they commissioned from Essex University has found that wildlife-rich environments don't just keep you physically healthy. They also reduce stress, improve mood and reduce social isolation. It proposes 5 evidence-based "Ways to Wellbeing".



- **Keep Learning** - try something new
- **Be Active** - go for a walk outside.
- **Take Notice** - be aware of the wonders of nature around you.
- **Connect** - Make friends with the people around you.
- **Give** - Volunteer or help other people

See the poster and read more on line. To do all five at once come and meet us!

The first Friday of the month at 10a.m. so June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th and September 1st for clearance work in the heath and mires.

Helen Pedley, 886195

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News from Cragg Vale J&I School

Cragg Vale School won the Hebden Bridge Rotary Decorated Duck Competition with their woven duck which pupils from across the school created together. It was displayed in The Quilt Cabin in Hebden Bridge and received the highest number of votes over the Easter holidays. Pupils are now eagerly awaiting news of what their prize will be! Whilst the school couldn't hold a May Fete this year, the school's own annual Duck Race will take place on Sunday 2nd July at 11am.

On Friday 7th April, Cragg Vale School held their annual Easter Fun Morning.



The morning began with an Easter bonnet parade and a prize-giving assembly with prizes for handmade Easter cards and 'eggcellently' decorated eggs. This was followed by the House egg-rolling competition with giant papier-mâché eggs - this year won by Stoodley House. Then the pupils, their families, and the teachers all walked to a nearby field to hunt for Easter baskets

filled with treats before returning to school for well-deserved drinks and hot cross buns!



Top Performing Schools

In 2016, Calder High School and Cragg Vale J&I School were the top performing Primary and Secondary schools in Calderdale and this academic year have both achieved 'Good' OFSTED ratings. From September 2017, they will join together as an all-through school to provide high quality education from 4-18 years and exciting new opportunities for pupils in both phases. Cragg Vale School will become Calder Primary School, and the pupils and staff will move together to their own Primary building on the Calder High site when it is ready for them to do so. It is extremely important to the school to maintain its ethos and values and its connections with Cragg Vale village. The school will continue to have the catchment area of Cragg Vale and will work hard to maintain the links with the church and local events.

Defibrillator In Cragg Vale

As part of its commitment to the health and wellbeing of staff, customers and local residents, Craggs Country Business Park recently invested in an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

It is installed outside the front door of Craggies Farm Shop. The unit is kept safe inside a cabinet, but full instructions for access are on the door, and when open, the machine talks the user through exact instructions for use, so it is safe for everyone involved!

It is to be hoped that the unit is never needed, but just in case it is registered with the local emergency services for their use, but also as a Community Public Access Defibrillator Site (cPAD) so it's available for any member of the general public who needs it.

In the UK there are over 30,000 "out of hospital" cardiac arrests each year, and the chances of survival if an AED is used within 3-5 minutes rises from 6% to 74%, a good reason to have at least one in Cragg Vale.

For further details, please contact info@thecraggs.co.uk

Cragg Climb update

Organised by Cragg15, the event now called the Cragg Vale Festival of Running and Climbing (originally the 'Ollie Collinge Climb') due to take place on 2nd July has now been confirmed for **Sunday September 24th 2017**.

Chair of Cragg15, Phil Rodda, said:

"Due to our commitment to make the Festival of Running and Cycling a positive experience, with as little inconvenience to our community as possible, we have decided to put the event date back to allow for further community consultation and to gather additional ideas from the community. This will also extend the entry period for events so there is still time to enter!"

We have had a tremendously positive response from the community generally - both residents and businesses - and will be doing further leaflet drops in the near future. We are making every effort to work with those directly affected to make the day run smoothly and to reduce any inconvenience. If there is anything specific that we can do to help you please do not hesitate to contact us."

For more information about the day, to follow developments, find out how to help and of course how to enter one or more of the events planned, visit Facebook (Cragg15 A Summer Of Fun) or contact the organising committee via email: secretary@cragg15.uk

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The new industrial Cragg Vale grew around a particularly important and busy pack horse route. It came over the hilltops from Sowerby, dropped into the valley bottom to cross Marshaw Bridge (mentioned in records as early as 1655), followed the Withens stream up onto the moors and so to Burnley, Clitheroe and the rest of Lancashire. This early bridge, built with 2 arches and quite low to the water unfortunately washed away in 1891.

The present Marshaw Bridge, built the following year, was a single, higher span, to avoid a repeat of the calamity. Anyone travelling this challenging route between Yorkshire and Lancashire would no doubt be relieved to reach the Cragg Vale Inn for refreshment. Built between 1700 and 1730, in the heart of the industrial scene, this inn was witness to much history. It was much smaller than the building which replaced it in 1840 – demolished, but not “without trace”, as the 17th century cellar remains unchanged, still in use today.

The Cragg Vale Inn was possibly too close for comfort to the church, in the eyes of the locals - vicars of the time had a certain authority over the public houses, especially this one, as they had to sign the licence. Public houses were open all day, but the vicar had the right (and Rev Crowther often used it!) to turn everyone out and send them to the church when they were about to preach!

Around 1900 the portico was added – possibly paid for by Helen Hinchliffe, the last of the dynasty, after her father's death in 1900 - and the name changed to The Hinchliffe Arms, in acknowledgement of Cragg Vale's most prominent family.

Cragg Vale LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

We provide tea and coffee and all meetings are free for members, £3 for visitors. We will be continuing to meet every third Thursday of the month after our summer break in July and August. Now that the Church has re-opened we will be holding our meetings there once again. For information, contact Jane Frechette, mobile 07733326866

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 15th June

'Annual Away-Day Trip' to Haworth

July & August

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Thursday 21st September

'Roots in the Landscape', Nigel Smith

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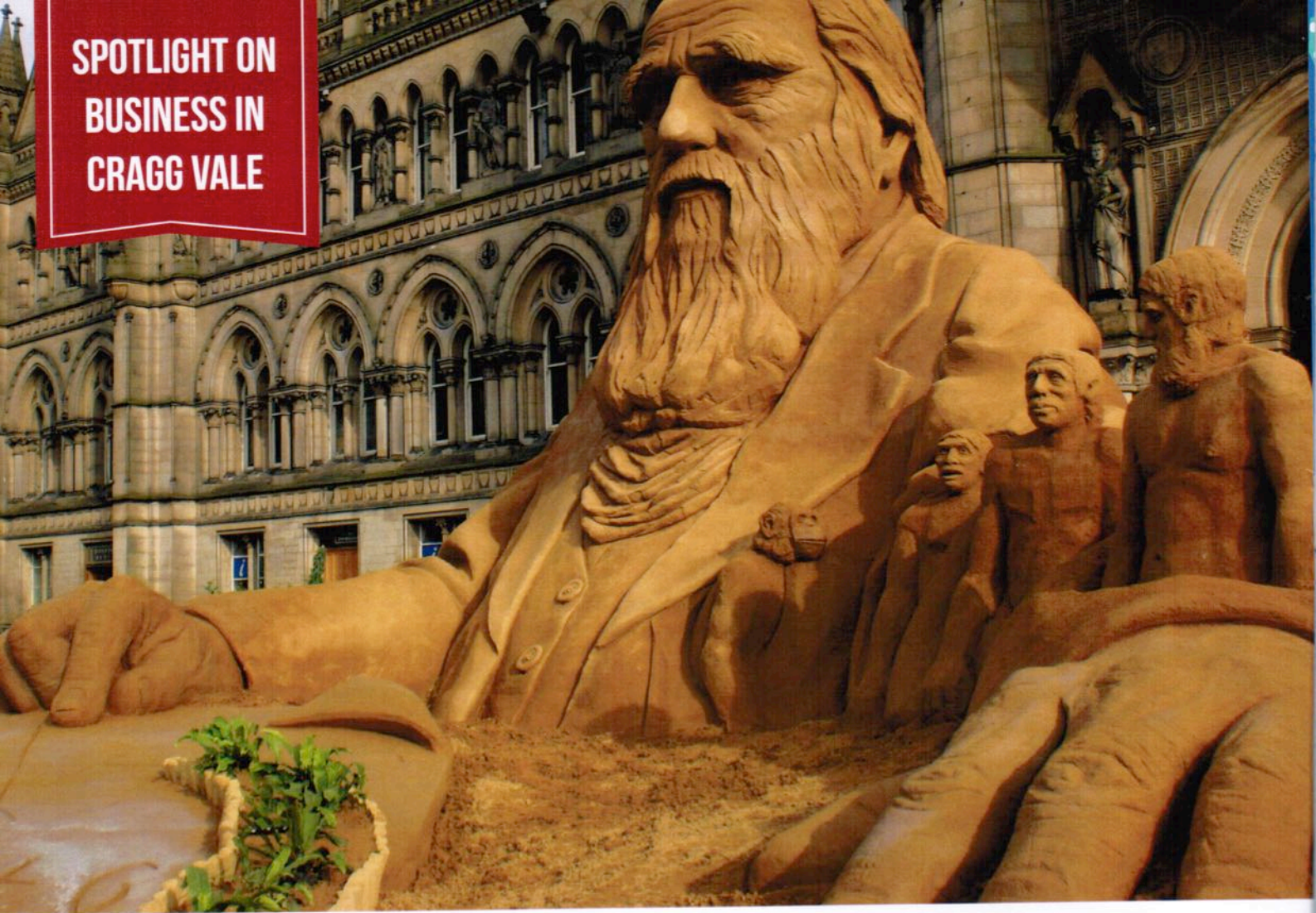
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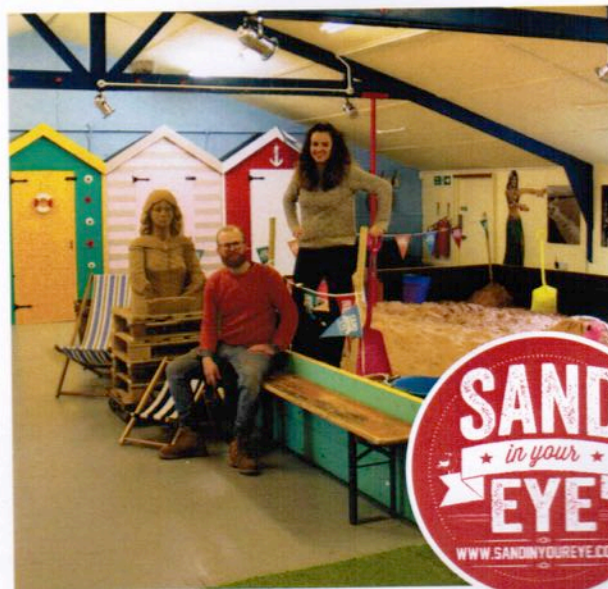


Talent at Top Land

Some amazingly talented people have moved into the Top Land Business Park, joining an ever increasing list of exciting businesses choosing Cragg Vale as their base. The new ones include Hebden Radio, Sand In Your Eye, and HebTroCo.

Sand In Your Eye

Sand In Your Eye, a sculpture and land art company, moved to Top Land in February this year. Established by Jamie Wardley in 2003, the creative team includes Claire Jamieson and Tom Bolland and they make sculptures from sand, ice and, most recently, pumpkins. They've worked with a wide range of charities, local authorities, PR and advertising agencies, music festivals and television and media broadcasters. You might have seen Claire making a sand drawing on BBC's SpringWatch from the Pembrokeshire Coast. Sand sculptures have been made for Desert Island Discs, to commemorate the Battle of the Somme, and to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday – a sand sculpture of



Buckingham Palace! However, they don't only sculpt sand, some people might remember the ice sculpture post box at the Christmas event in Mytholmroyd!

Before moving here in February 2017, they were based in an industrial yard in Bradford, Jamie says "We needed more space and somewhere we could invite the public to visit, hold workshops and run training sessions. It is so beautiful here in Cragg Vale, it looks like a country retreat, it's like going on holiday not going to work!" Claire, Jamie's partner, said "We have a little girl, Florence, and want to work locally and regionally as well as at a national level. It is ideal here."

The interior of the building at Top Land has been transformed with beach huts painted on one wall as a back drop for the huge sand pit where people of all ages can try their hand at creating sand sculptures. A lid on the sand pit transforms it into a stage and the building also houses a purpose-built freezer studio for the ice carving sessions.

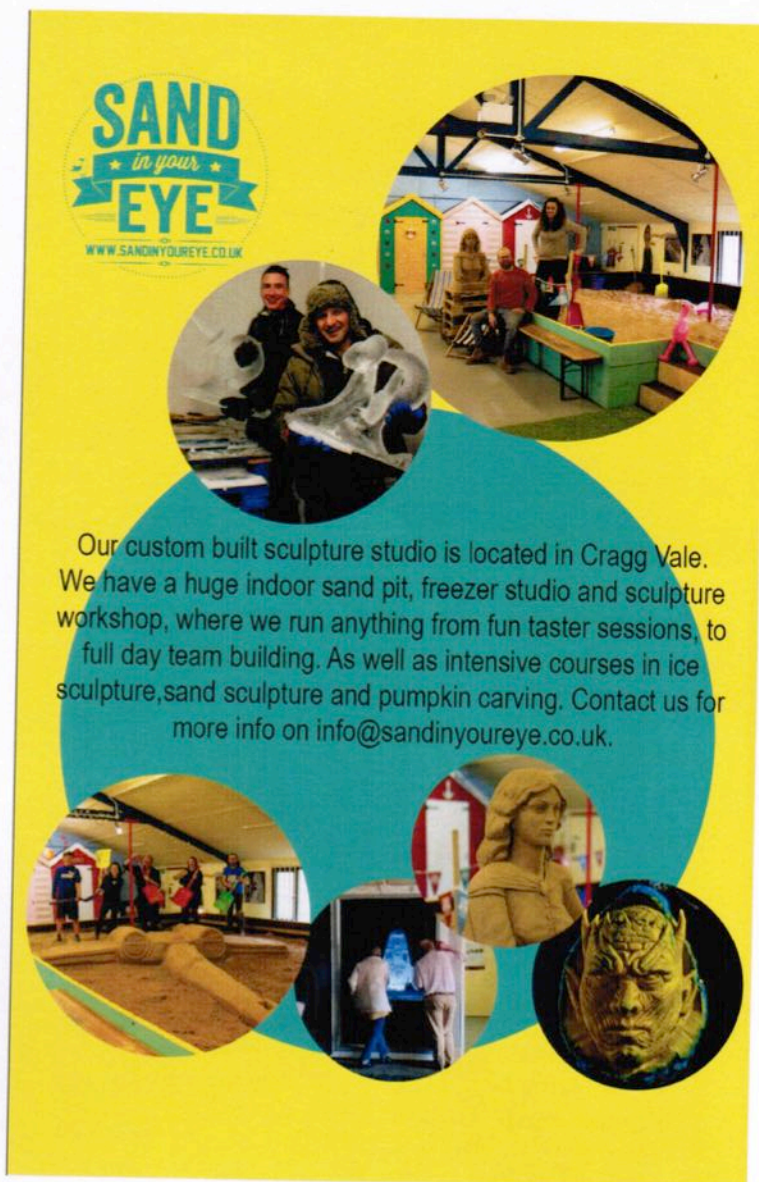
The Sand In Your eye studio is now open, offering sand sculpture, ice sculpture and pumpkin carving workshops and training sessions. For more information visit www.sandinyoureye.co.uk

Hebden Radio

Hebden Radio was just moving in to its new premises in Dean Hey Business Park when I went to meet Tim Foulds, their Community Relations Co-ordinator.

They have 5,000 listeners and have been going for almost a year. The focus is on Calder Valley events, music and, of course, our weather!

In July they will go live on 87.7 FM and hope to be broadcasting 24 hours a day, every day. Tim said they had chosen to move to Cragg Vale because "it is such a beautiful part of the



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country, so calming, with wonderful views" Hebden Radio wanted a disabled-friendly site with space for live broadcasts and bands.

"we have 17 dedicated volunteers and our aim is to be able to offer employment to disabled people"

Tim said "we have 17 dedicated volunteers and our aim is to be able to offer employment to disabled people". As well as inviting people and bands to the studio, Hebden Radio wants to be able to cover outside events and to promote the Arts and the many festivals held in the Calder Valley. They should find plenty going on here in Cragg Vale as well as in Mytholmroyd and Hebden Bridge!



HebTroCo

HebTroCo, launched in January 2016 on 'kickstarter' started life in a ("semi-derelict") old mill building in Hebden Bridge but moved to Top Land earlier this year.

Hebden Bridge was known as 'Trousers Town' in its industrial heyday and once produced 20,000 pairs of trousers a week. Brant and Ed, who run HebTroCo, said they would like the tradition of manufacturing to continue. They say they had a "crazy idea in the pub in December 2015" to start a trouser brand in Hebden Bridge. That day in the pub they heard all that was left was just one factory on the brink of closure. "At the time, we didn't know much about trousers, but we had been wearing them all our lives, which had to count for something! With the help and skill of the factory and other amazing local people, we were able to do it".



In their first six months they managed to sell over 1,000 pairs of their moleskin and needlecord trousers and say they will "make you the best pair of trousers you've ever had".



"We just love the Thornber family story, from chicks to business incubation. We've been given a chance to grow under their wing"

They aim to produce quality garments, made to last, by skilled people. Their trousers are guaranteed for life for manufacturing details. Brant suggested that maybe Mytholmroyd could become to be known as 'Courduroyd'!

Both Brant and Ed are keen cyclists with a shared interest in bikes and cycling. Ed used to run his own mountain bike skills and guiding business and Brant had spent his life in bicycle design.

They are enthusiastic about their move to Cragg Vale, not only because of our claim to fame as the longest continuous hill in England. "We have lots of opportunities here in a modern, clean, fully accessible environment, with plenty of parking space. Our main window faces north, the view and light are perfect". They are pleased that they are now able to pick their children up from school. They also like the background history of the development of Top Land. "We just love the Thornber family story, from chicks to business incubation. We've been given a chance to grow under their wing" said Brant

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