

# RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN DUNDEE

February 2006 to April 2006



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## Company Developments

Name	Information	Date
<b>WL Gore</b>	WL Gore were once again came first in the Sunday Times 100 Best Companies to Work for survey. The company, whose, headquarters are in Livingston, employs 110 people in Dundee where they specialise in the production of electronic connectors.	06/03/06
<b>Alliance Trust</b>	Dundee Based Alliance Trust is set to merge with its' sister fund, the Second Alliance Trust. It will create the UK's largest listed generalist investment trust with assets of £2.77B.	26/03/06
<b>Wyeth</b>	Dundee is to benefit from the investment of £50m being made in Scotland by US-based pharmaceutical company Wyeth (£33M) and Scottish Enterprise (£17M) over the next 5 years. A core research centre will be established in Dundee creating a centre for translational research (how to transform laboratory findings into new ways to diagnose and treat patients). Other work will be undertaken in conjunction with the universities of Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Glasgow and a number of local health boards.	04/04/06
<b>DC Thomson</b>	DC Thomson has paid £132M to acquire Aberdeen Journals, which includes the Aberdeen Press & Journal.	28/03/06
<b>Quantum Filament Technologies</b>	Dundee University spin-out company, Quantum Filament Technologies, received a SMART award from the Scottish Executive's Innovation Support scheme, totalling £149708 to enable them to develop a new electron source for displays.	2005
<b>Sentient Medical Ltd</b>	Dundee based company; Sentient Medical Ltd received a SMART/SPUR award from the Scottish Executive, of £150000 to enable them to develop a novel hearing implant.	2005
<b>Aim</b>	Design concepts, by Aim, for the development of 10 flats and 2 houses on the site of the Tay Rope Works off Magdalen Yard Road in Dundee and a garden flat in Edinburgh have been chosen by the Royal Scottish Academy for inclusion in their latest exhibition at the organisations premises on the Mound in Edinburgh.	21/04/06
<b>Alchemy Laboratories Ltd</b>	Dundee based, rapid result diagnostic test company, Alchemy Laboratories Ltd is currently moving to new purpose-built accommodation in the city's MediPark and has recently been acquired by a rival UK company in a £4.5M shares and cash deal. BBI Holdings of Cardiff has acquired the company and the current owner will join the board of BBI.	18/04/06
<b>IDMoS</b>	IDMoS aims to launch its' dental decay and monitoring system across Europe later this year.	25/04/06

## Leisure Facilities, Restaurants & Pubs

Name	Information	Date
<b>Ward Road Gym</b>	The completion of a £355000 refurbishment project saw the official re-opening of the Ward Road Gym in March. Dundee & District Table Tennis Association are the proud owners of the newly refurbished premises.	27/03/06

## Housing

Name	Information	Date
<b>Student Flats Hawkhill</b>	A new £10M development, managed by AQ Mickelgate Dundee Developments, is creating 507 en-suite bedrooms in 4 and 5 bedroom flats specifically for students on Hawkhill. The first 113 suites will be available in September. Private sector investors are sought to purchase the flats - prices from £200000.	21/02/06
<b>Miller Homes</b>	Miller Homes are about to start work on 2 new sites in the City - Bagillo, off the Arbroath Road and at Ballumbie Castle Golf Course. The Arbroath Road site will consist of 61 4-bedroom homes. The Ballumbie Castle site will consist of 26 3 and 4 bedroom homes in a parkland setting.	18/02/06
<b>Burnside Mill, Lochee</b>	<i>A planning application has been submitted by Balcraig Properties to redevelop a former mill building in Lochee. The plan is to create 38 1 and 2-bedroom flats in the B-listed 1830s building.</i>	28/02/06
<b>Bellfield Street</b>	<i>A planning application has been submitted to build 39 homes on the east side of Bellfield Street close to the University of Dundee campus. The site will include the development of 9 townhouses and 30 flats.</i>	12/04/06

## Community Regeneration

Name	Information	Date
<b>Community Warden Scheme</b>	Dundee's community warden scheme is set to continue for at least the next 2 years. Funding of more than £1.6M has been made available from the Scottish Executive. Dundee has 28 community wardens and 7 senior wardens and operates in 6 areas of the city - Douglas, Hilltown/Bowbridge, Stobswell, Whitfield and Pitkerro, Lochee West/ Camperdown,.	03/04/06

## Infrastructure and Property

Name	Information	Date
<b>West Marketgait</b>	<i>Property developer Bruce Linton has submitted a planning application to redevelop the long empty Westport, Coconut Grove, car park site at the Marketgait Roundabout. The development could cost in the region of £8M and include a casino, serviced flats for short term lets, offices, a food shop, a bar/restaurant and a nursery.</i>	11/04/06

## Retail/City Centre

Name	Information	Date
<b>Lidl - Lochee</b>	Lidl has opened a new store in the City on the site of the former Parrot Pine showroom in Lochee.	March 06
<b>DUNCAN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Dundee Co-ordinated Anti Crime Network (DUNCAN) which has operated successfully in the City Centre, Broughty Ferry and Lochee for a number of years has now been extended to housing estates across the City in an attempt to crack down on crime that hinders community shops.</li> <li>Every retailer in the Overgate Centre is being signed up to the DUNCAN Initiative.</li> </ul>	06/03/06 27/03/06
<b>Overgate Redevelopment</b>	The City Council approved plans for a £50M extension to the Overgate Shopping Centre. However, elements (1 of the 4 applications) of the extension require to be approved by the Scottish Executive. Plans include 40 new shops, a food hall, an extension to 2 existing retail units and 330 extra parking spaces. A decision from the Scottish Executive could take several months.	01/03/06
<b>Stack Leisure Park</b>	The City Council approved a planning application submitted by Landteam Northern (Dundee) Ltd for a 50000 sq.ft. bulky goods retail space within the Leisure Park. 3 retail units will be constructed. Aim is to extend the Lochee district from the High Street, along Methven Street to Tesco.	16/03/06
<b>Aldi</b>	German supermarket chain Aldi have purchased the former Safeway's store on the Arbroath Road and will re-open the shop under the Aldi banner in spring 2007.	24/03/06
<b>Morrisons Supermarket</b>	<i>A new planning application from Morrisons to construct a supermarket on the former Linlathen High School site, is expected shortly, following the resolution of issues related to the trunk road access. The company wants to build a supermarket of between 90000 and 100000 sq.ft.</i>	03/04/06

## Tourism and Events

Name	Information	Date
<b>Radio 1's Big Weekend</b>	Dundee is to play host to Radio 1's Big Weekend - the largest free music festival in Britain. 30000 people are expected to attend the event on the 13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> of May.	21/02/06
<b>Visitor Numbers</b>	Accommodation bookings taken in Angus and Dundee by VisitScotland rose last year - up 17% - an increase in 300 bookings - bring an increase in revenue of almost £40000.	01/03/06
<b>Sensation Science Centre</b>	The Sensation Science Centre was officially relaunched after a £3M redevelopment. Funding for the redevelopment came from the Millennium Commission, the Scottish Executive, the Wolfson Foundation, the Wellcome Trust and local universities. New exhibits include Secret Sight and Your Brilliant Brain and a new sensory zone dedicated to pre-school and special needs children.	30/03/06

## Funding

Name	Information	Date
<b>Frigate Unicorn</b>	Work has started on a £70000 covering for the Frigate Unicorn to protect the ship from winter weather.	22/02/06
<b>Dundee Rep Theatre</b>	Dundee Rep Theatre has received a £200000 boost in funding as a result of an overhaul in the way arts in Scotland are funded. The Rep Theatre is now classified as an organisation which plays a "key and distinctive" role in Scotland's cultural landscape and as such is not set to get "foundation" funding from the Scottish Arts Council over the next 5 years. The grant awarded by the SAC has increased from £800000 to £1M. Scottish Dance Theatre, based in the Rep have also been awarded foundation status.	03/03/06
<b>Dighty Environmental Group</b>	The Dighty Environmental Group received a grant from the Community Regeneration Fund to enable them to purchase a new minibus to transport volunteers.	24/03/06
<b>Fairbridge</b>	Fairbridge have received a grant of £268836 from the Big Lottery Fund to enable them to deliver personal development courses to 13 to 16 years at risk of exclusion from school. The project aims to support 240 youngsters in the City, to develop self-confidence, social and educational skills.	Jan 06
<b>Dundee Citizens Advice Bureau</b>	The Citizens Advice Bureau received a Big Lottery Fund Grant of £164235 to enable them to deliver an outreach service in Charleston.	Jan 06
<b>Baxter Park Urban Rangers</b>	The Urban Rangers in Baxter Park received a grant of £23700 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to deliver the "From Me to You" Project - taking Stobswell down memory lane.	Jan 06
<b>Age Concern Dundee</b>	Age Concern in Dundee were lucky enough to receive a grant of £21000 from the Lloyds TSB Foundation's 21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebration Fund. It will enable them to develop a sensory garden at their day care centre in Caird Avenue.	Feb 06

## Environment and Environmental Improvements

Name	Information	Date
<b>Brook Street, Broughty Ferry</b>	A £400000 project to upgrade lighting, pavements and street furniture on the one way section of Brook Street in Broughty Ferry has started.	18/02/06
<b>Park Avenue, Euro-Bins</b>	Park Avenue in the City's Stobswell area is piloting new on-street Euro-Bins, replacing the standard wheelie bins for a 6 month trial period. The bins are placed permanently and emptied by the Council twice a week.	03/03/06
<b>People &amp; Place - Scottish Regeneration Strategy</b>	Dundee has been awarded £4M through the Scottish Executive's new Regeneration Strategy, People and Place. The money will be used to tackle concentrations of vacant and derelict land, particularly around the Hilltown, Stobswell, Whitfield, Kirkton, Trottick and Dunsinane.	01/03/06
<b>Riverside Drive Nature Park</b>	<i>Plans to create a nature park on the former municipal tip site at Riverside Drive are progressing. It is hoped recent works undertaken in conjunction with the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency will eventually lead to renewed public access to the site.</i>	19/04/06
<b>Michelin</b>	Michelin will become the first major manufacturer in Scotland to commit to using renewable energy with the construction of 2 wind turbines due for completion in July. The turbines will provide up to 4 megawatts of power on a windy day, meeting the entire Dundee factory's power needs.	April 06

## Further & Higher Education & Research Activity

<b>University of Abertay</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The University of Abertay has resubmitted a planning application for the £20M development of student flats on Parker Street. The development would create a 500 en-suite rooms in self contained apartments.</i></li> <li><i>The University of Abertay have joined forces with the University of Greenwich and Thin Film Solutions and Micro Circuit Engineering in a £600000 project to develop display screens that can be read in bright light.</i></li> </ul>	21/03/06
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## Further & Higher Education & Research Activity - Cont.

Name	Information	Date
<b>University of Dundee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The £6M Queen Mother Building, the new home of the Applied Computing Division, was formally opened by the Princess Royal.</li> </ul>	04/03/06
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wyeth (see entry under company news) is to invest £33M in Scotland over the next 5 years and will create a Translational Medicine research centre in Dundee creating, initially, 50 jobs.</li> </ul>	04/04/06
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dundee University attracted £10476029 in research grant in the first quarter of 2006. This includes £346982 from the European Regional Development Fund to support SMES in the concrete construction industry; £4.38M from the Chief Scientist Office for a genetics and healthcare initiative; £840673 from the BBSRC; £908624 from the Medical Research Council for further research into African Sleeping Sickness and £281613 from Cancer Research UK.</li> </ul>	April 06
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Researchers at the University of Dundee led a team of scientists to the discovery of the gene that causes eczema and asthma. This is a significant breakthrough in the fight to offer a cure for these diseases.</li> </ul>	April 06
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The University of Dundee has announced plans to create Scotland's first centre for Interdisciplinary Gender Research, the Mary Ann Baxter Centre. The Centre will be housed in the Faculty of Arts &amp; Social Science and will provide a central point for gathering and disseminating information about current research in issues of women and gender.</i></li> </ul>	