

# Portaferry Public Realm Scheme

Project Start Date: October 2023  
Project Completion Date: Summer 2024  
Project Value: £2M

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## Portaferry Public Realm Scheme on Site 9 October 2023!

*Mayor of Ards and North Down, Councillor Jennifer Gilmour, marks the appointment of Northstone as contractor for the scheme with representatives from the funders.*



**Welcome to the first newsletter for the Portaferry Public Realm Scheme.** Newsletters will be issued fortnightly as works progress to keep residents and businesses updated on progress and future work schedules. These newsletters will be delivered to businesses and residents within the vicinity of Market Square. You can also register to receive these by emailing 'SUBSCRIBE' to [portaferrypublicrealm@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk](mailto:portaferrypublicrealm@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk)

This exciting investment of £2m will bring a range of benefits to Portaferry including:

- A revitalised Market Square for community use and events
- Supporting a sustainable village centre by creating a physical environment that supports economic activity and helps alleviate deprivation
- Enhancing the potential to attract tourism and associated spend and preserve the village's identity and retail offering, through improving the physical appearance of Portaferry

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## **Scheme works**

Widening of footpaths / Better pedestrian connectivity / Improved street lighting / Resurfacing footpaths with sustainable materials / The incorporation of street furniture / Planting / Re-designing the car park within Market Square to create a usable civic space

## **Scope of scheme**

Market Square / Castle Street / Ferry Street / High Street / Meeting House Street.

The Scheme Contractor, Northstone Ltd, will liaise with all of the residents and businesses within the scope of the scheme to try and reduce disruption during the period of works. Those traders and residents directly affected will be contacted by the contractor prior to works commencing.

## **Meetinghouse Street Car Park**

The contractor requires space to hold their facilities, equipment and storage and this will be located in a section of the Meetinghouse Street car park and the adjoining green space. This will be set up in advance of the works starting on the 9<sup>th</sup> October and will remain there until works are complete.

## **CURRENT PLANNED WORKS**

From 9 October, trial holes will be bored at various isolated locations on Ferry Street, Castle Street, Meetinghouse Street and in the Market Square.

These works will take approximately two weeks with the trial hole excavations being fully reinstated as they progress.

We will then start excavation of the footpaths on Ferry Street (from No.1 Ferry Street as far as Snip and Snaps). These works will continue to early November.

Although there will be narrowing of the carriageway to accommodate all the above works, normal traffic flows will be maintained. Access and egress will be maintained for residents and businesses.

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## Schedule of Works

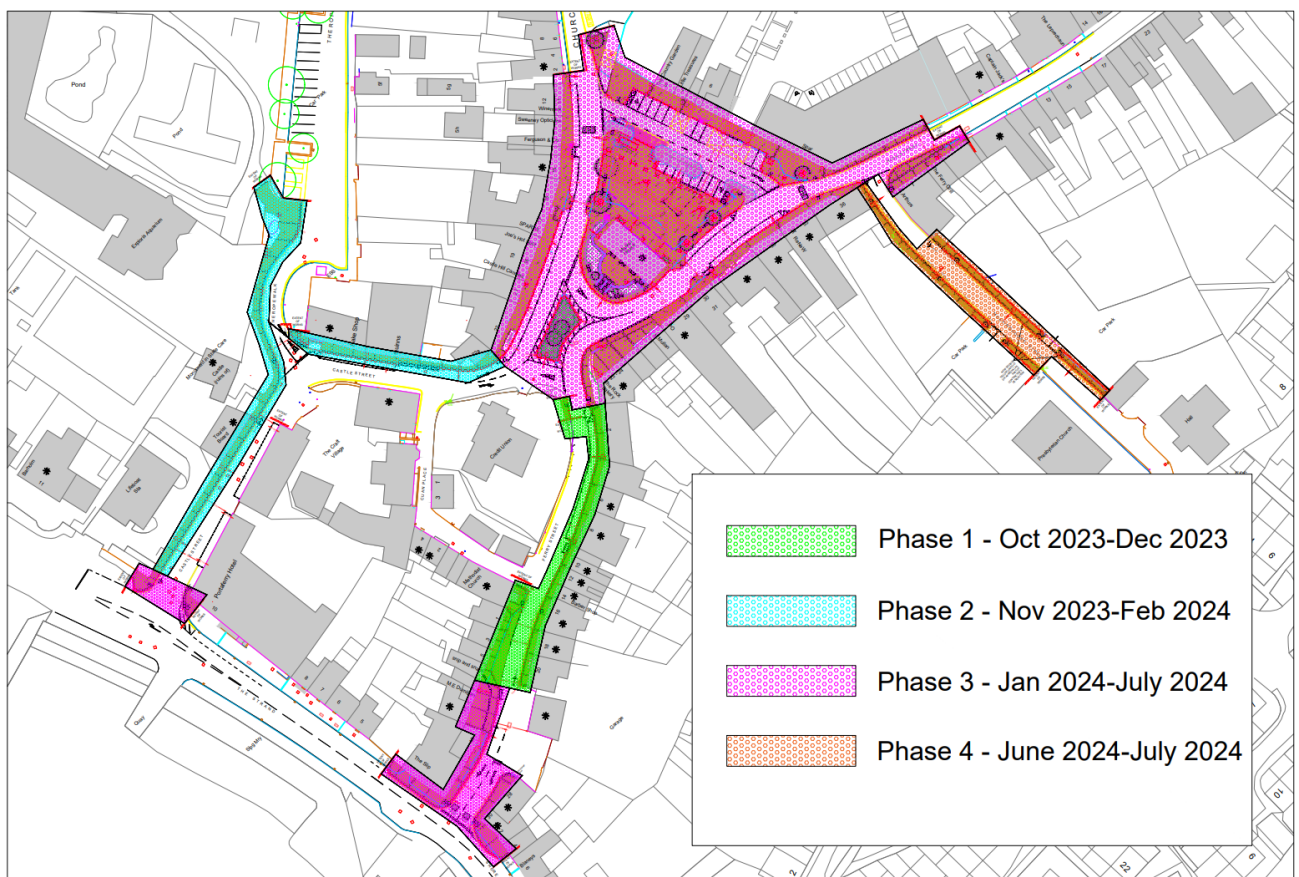
The below schedule of works gives an idea of the proposed plan and dates of works in each area however please note that this is subject to change as the works commence. Keep an eye on the future newsletters and the website, [www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/portaferrypublicrealm](http://www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/portaferrypublicrealm) for regular updates on the planned works.

Phase 1 – Trial holes and Ferry Street **Oct 2023-Dec 2023**

Phase 2 – Castle Street **Nov 2023 – Feb 2024**

Phase 3 – Market Square and Junctions of Ferry St/The Strand & Castle St/The Strand **Jan 2024 – July 2024**

Phase 4 – Meetinghouse Street **June 2024-July 2024**



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## Contractor Contact Details

Northstone's Public Liaison Officer will be contactable on **07929728581** for any day-to-day queries about the works or particular requirements for access.

Alternatively, there is a dedicated contractor's email address [portaferrypr@northstone-ni.com](mailto:portaferrypr@northstone-ni.com) where Northstone will endeavour to answer any queries or address any issues.

This project will greatly improve the village of Portaferry, enhancing the pavements and Market Square which will have long term benefits for residents and businesses. While we will endeavour to cause as little disruption as possible during our works, short delays and minor inconvenience are unavoidable and we would like to thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation throughout our works.



The scheme is funded under the Covid Recovery Small Settlements Regeneration Programme (SSRP) with a contribution from Ards and North Down Borough Council. The SSRP is a collaborative approach, with contributions from the Department for Communities, Department for Infrastructure, and Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.

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