

# Portaferry Public Realm Scheme

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

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**Welcome to the second 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)



## CURRENT PLANNED WORKS

Works on trial holes around the village commenced on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of October and will be completed by early next week (W/c 23/10/23). Some of the trial pits were dug at new streetlighting positions & we have sleeved these to allow for minimal disruption when these are installed. Works will start in the middle of next week along Ferry Street - starting on the left-hand side of the street from the 'Rock'

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## Porphyry Paving

Porphyry Paving will be installed throughout the scheme. This is a dense natural stone which has stain and mark resistance and is the same as the stone used in the Redburn Square Scheme in Holywood. The image below is of this paving in Redburn Square.



## 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.

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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,

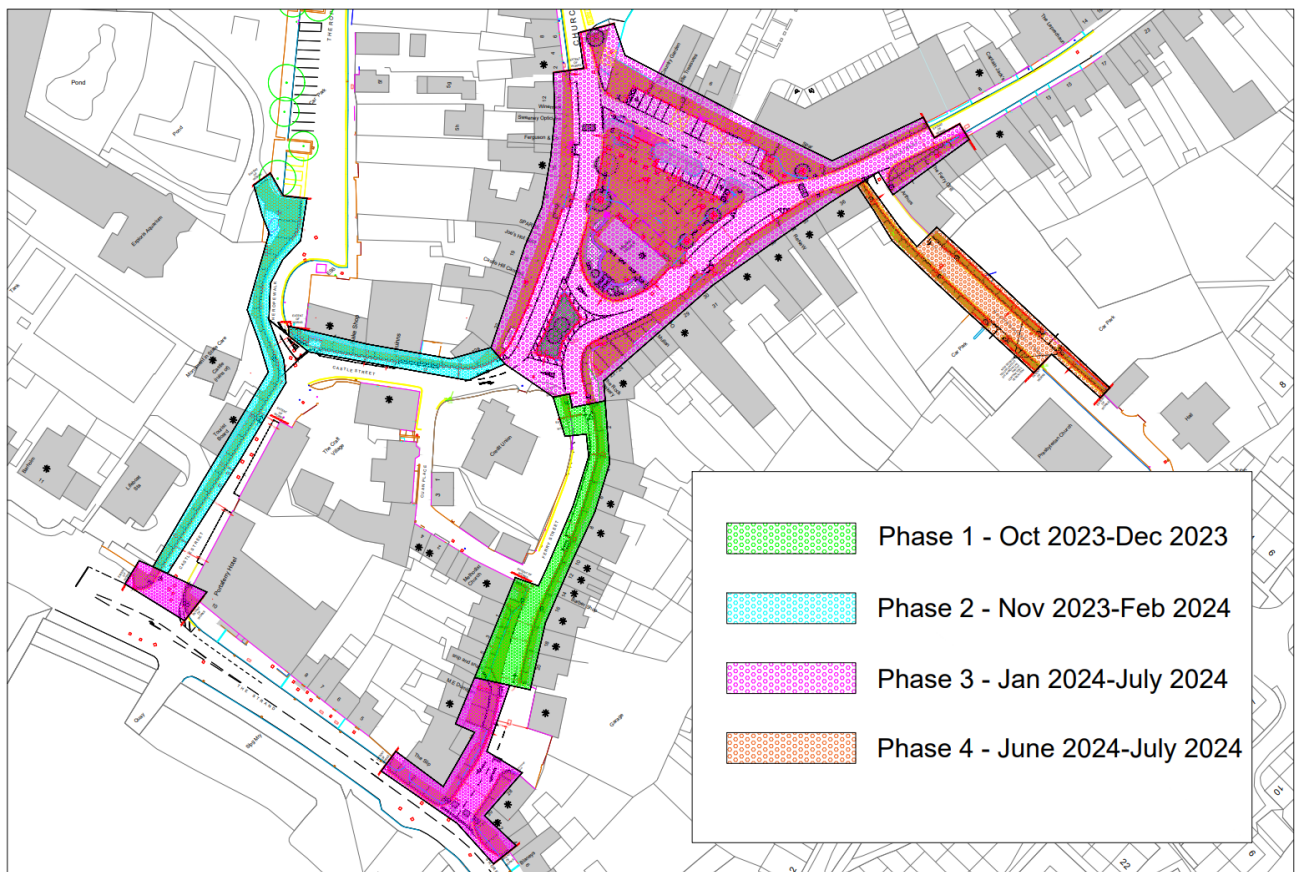
[www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/portaferrypublicrealm](http://www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/portaferrypublicrealm) for regular updates on the planned works.

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.

For out of hours contact, there is a 24hr contractor's contact number for Northstone: **02890394419**

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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