

Portaferry Public Realm Scheme

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Project Completion Date: Summer 2024
Project Value: £2M

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Welcome to the third 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. You can register to receive these newsletters by emailing 'SUBSCRIBE' to portaferrypublicrealm@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk. Alternatively, printed newsletters will be delivered to Exploris and can be picked up from there by anyone interested in the scheme who does not have access to email.



Works begin on Ferry Street

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CURRENT PLANNED WORKS

With October now past us we have started with the beginning of our main civils works.

The first area for us to tackle is Ferry St and once completed should give everyone a small taster of how the works will be finished.

Within this section, the existing foot way will be striped of all existing surfacing to allow us to, as carefully as possible, excavate for reuse the existing granite kerbing. The majority of the footways in the area will be widened to provide safer pedestrian access with the added benefit of 3no updated uncontrolled pedestrian crossings.

As throughout the project we will also be laying new streetlight ducting which will be utilised later within the scheme when new streetlights will be installed.

The footways once kerbed will be receiving an additional feature of a porphyry stone band just behind the kerb and new drainage channel which will replace the existing acco channel which when set will allow us to lay new surfacing to complete the footways.

Heritage Style Bus Shelter

The Bus Shelter at Market Square will be replaced as part of the Public Realm Scheme. The new shelter will be of a heritage style to be in keeping with Portaferry's heritage aesthetic. The shelter will be an aluminium structure (black powder coated) with transparent roof panels and toughened glass / polycarbonate.



Bus shelter of similar style to that which will be installed at Market Square

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Schedule of Works

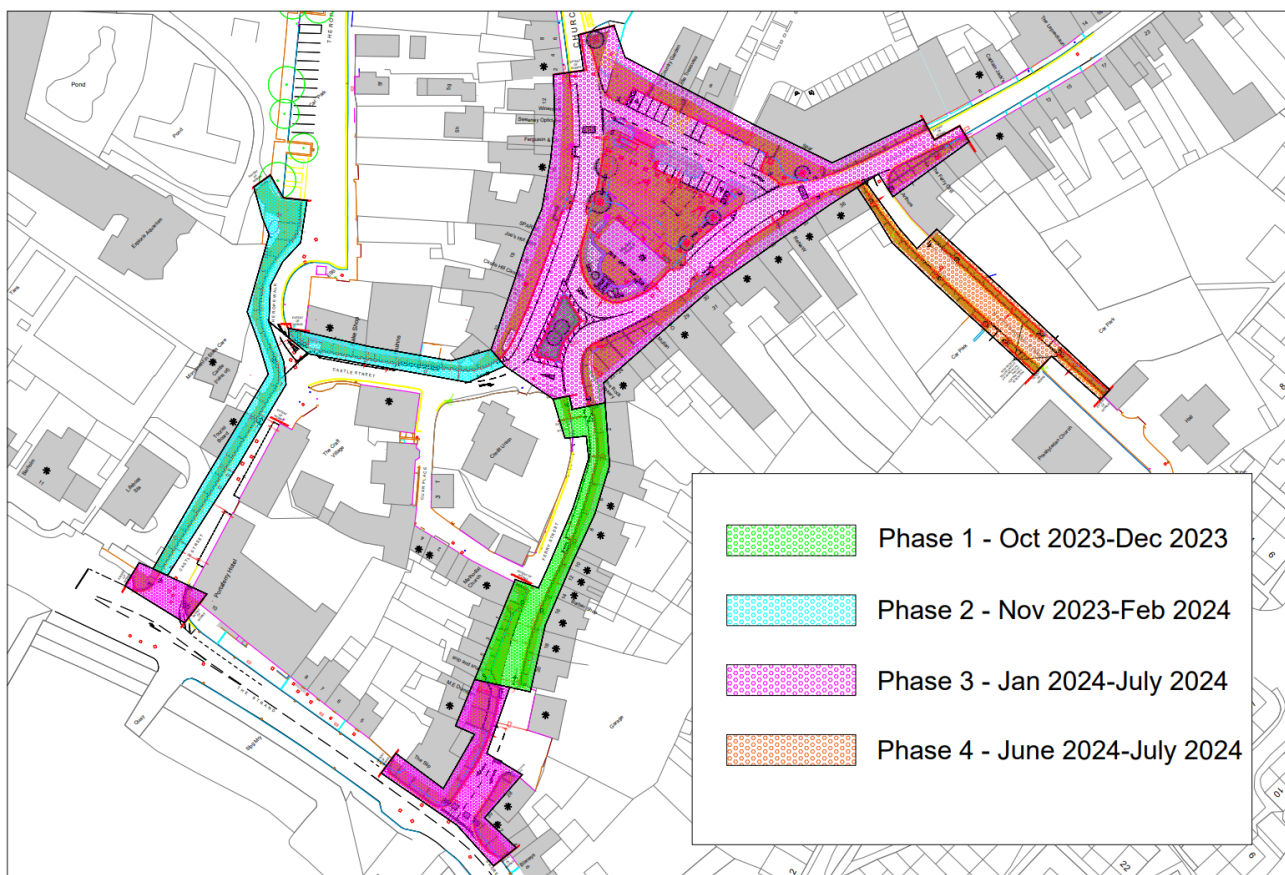
The below schedule of works gives an idea of the proposed plan and dates of works in each area however please note that this is subject to change as the works commence. Keep an eye on the future newsletters and the website, www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/portaferrypublicrealm for regular updates on the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

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 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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