

# Portaferry Public Realm Scheme

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

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**Welcome to the fourth 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](mailto: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.



*The re-laid pavement at Ferry Street awaiting the Italian Porphyry stone band placement to be installed on the left section of the above pavement image*

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## CURRENT PLANNED WORKS

All available kerbing has now been lifted and re-laid in Ferry St and we will soon be receiving the line of Italian Porphyry stone band sets which will allow the contractor to base and reopen the footway soon.

Works have also commenced on Castle St with the excavation and widening of the footway on the left-hand side and a temporary pedestrian walkway has been formed on the right-hand side of the street.

This section of works will also re-use the existing kerbs and will also receive the Italian Porphyry stone band sets.

## Street Lighting

The street lighting in the Portaferry Public Realm Scheme is being upgraded to meet modern lighting standards, improving the look and safety of the public realm.

The product being used is the Urbis Schreder CITEA NG mini range of lantern heads. These take advantage of the latest LED technology to efficiently light the outdoor space while generating significant energy savings and reducing light pollution.

The luminaires are composed of durable, recyclable materials – a painted aluminium body with a flat tempered glass protector. The lighting is approved by the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) which is the recognised authority on light pollution.

Feature lighting will be installed in Market Square and we will provide you with information on that in future newsletters.



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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,

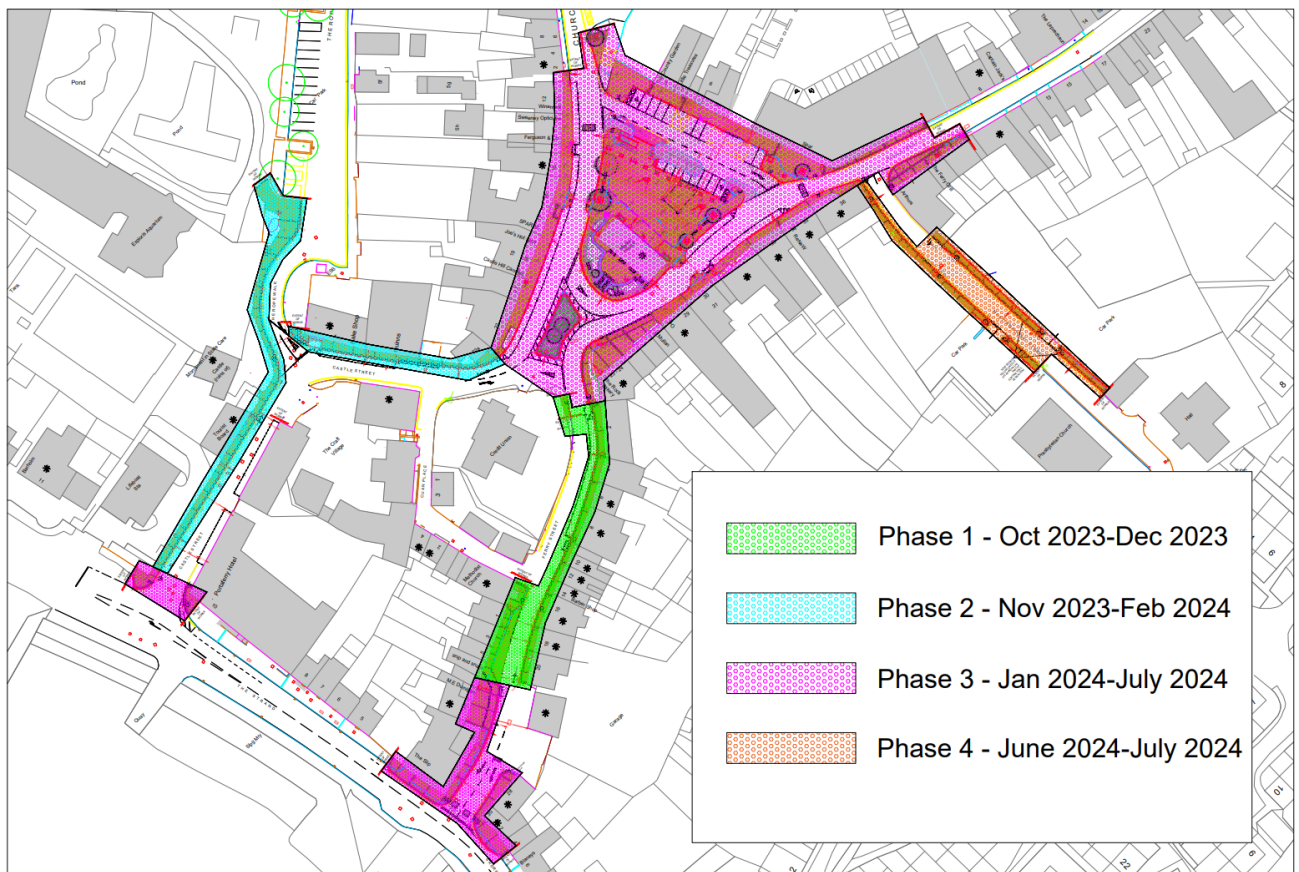
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Phase 1 – Trial holes and Ferry Street **Oct 2023-Dec 2023**

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 **07385029472** 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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