

Portaferry Public Realm Scheme

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

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Welcome to the fifth 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 progressing on Ferry Street with the base material and porphyry band laid

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Close up of a section of the porphyry band in the pavement on Ferry Street

CURRENT PLANNED WORKS

Works have been progressing well on Ferry Street and the contractor has received a lot of great feedback from passers-by after the base material was laid. The footway is now open again while we await the delivery of granite channels.

When these are laid this will allow us to complete the footway with Hot Rolled Asphalt.

Works began in Castle Street with the widening of the footway on the Lifeboat Station side and a temporary walkway has been setup on the Portaferry Hotel side which has been used to great effect. We have uncovered services which are slightly on the high side and are waiting for them to be lowered before we can surface.

We have just recently began excavating the kerbs outside the Bake Shop and Quinn's. This section will be getting a slightly wider footway and we will be using new silver granite kerbs. The existing kerbs will be excavated and reused in other areas throughout the scheme such as The Ropewalk.

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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,

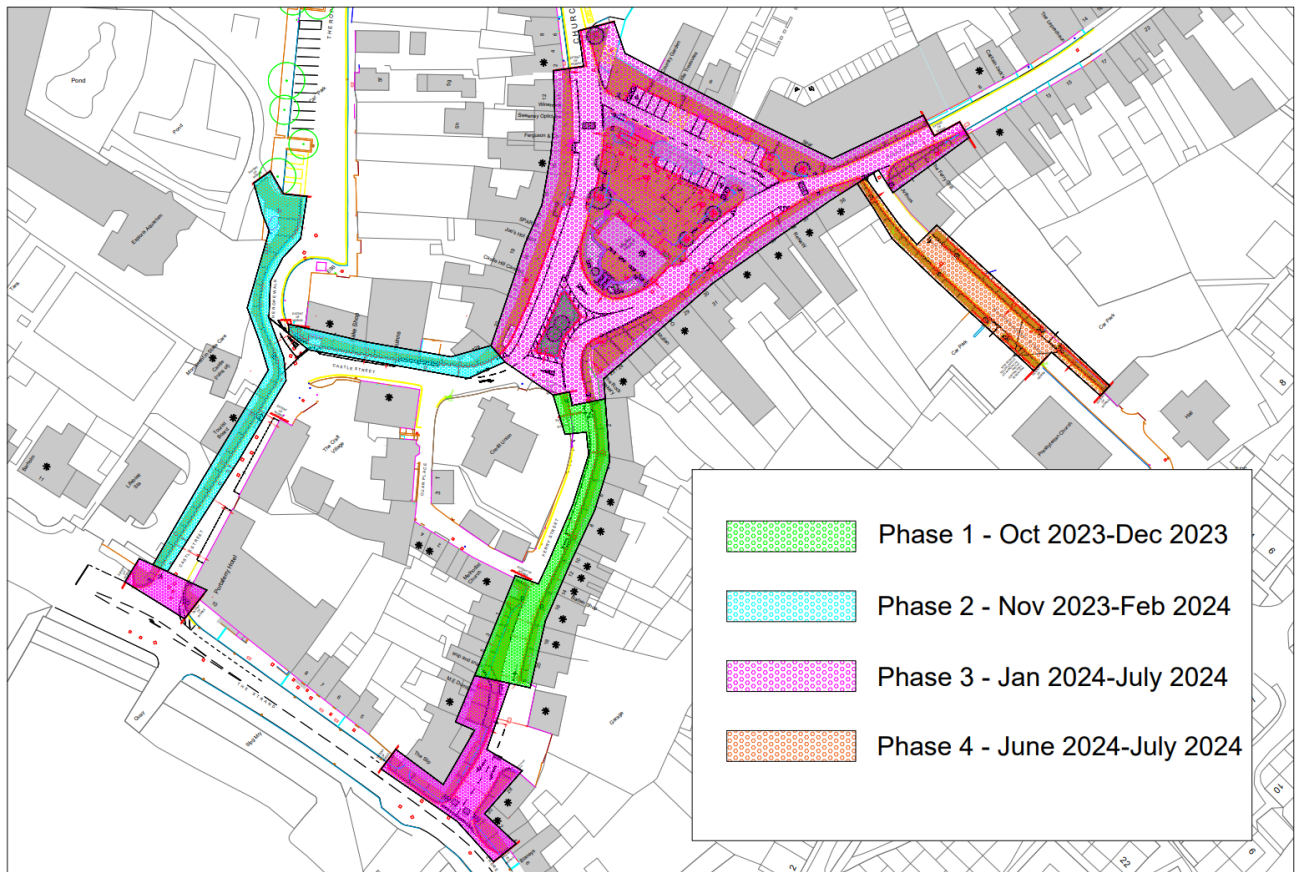
www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/portaferrypublicrealm for regular updates on the planned works.

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 **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 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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