

Portaferry Public Realm Scheme

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

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Welcome to the sixth 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, Portaferry Library and Portaferry Post Office and can be picked up from there by anyone interested in the scheme who does not have access to email.



Works progressing on Castle Street with the base material and porphyry band laid

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Public Information Session

A public information drop-in session will be held in the Market House on Tuesday 23rd January 2024 from 6-8pm.

This will be an opportunity for residents and businesses to be updated on progress to date by the contractor, Northstone Ltd, and to receive information on the next phases of the scheme. Council officers will also be in attendance to offer advice.

Christmas Closure Period (22/12/2023 – 08/01/2024)

Works will be closing on Friday 22nd December 2023 for the Christmas break and will be starting up again on Monday 8th January 2024.

Please note: During the Christmas break, the contractor, Northstone Ltd will be contactable should there be any issues by using the 24 hour contact number (028 9039 4419) or by emailing portaferrypr@northstone-ni.com. These will be checked intermittently throughout the Christmas break.

CURRENT PLANNED WORKS

With the final run into Christmas, Northstone Ltd are planning to have all barriers removed and all footways open for the festive break.

Available kerbing has now been complete on Castle Street, and Northstone Ltd plan to have these areas based and open for the Christmas break.

Northstone Ltd have been completing a number of road crossings last week and have encountered quite a lot of rock which needed to be broke out before they could install ducting for the new street lighting.

In the New Year works will begin in the Square and Northstone Ltd will begin excavation and re-kerbing from No. 21 below the mobility shop heading towards the Action Cancer Charity Shop. Localised letter drops will be carried out before the Christmas break.

It is also likely that Openreach will also be carrying out some additional works in the early New Year in the footway in front of The Spar towards The Country Garden Fruit and Veg shop.

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Schedule of Works

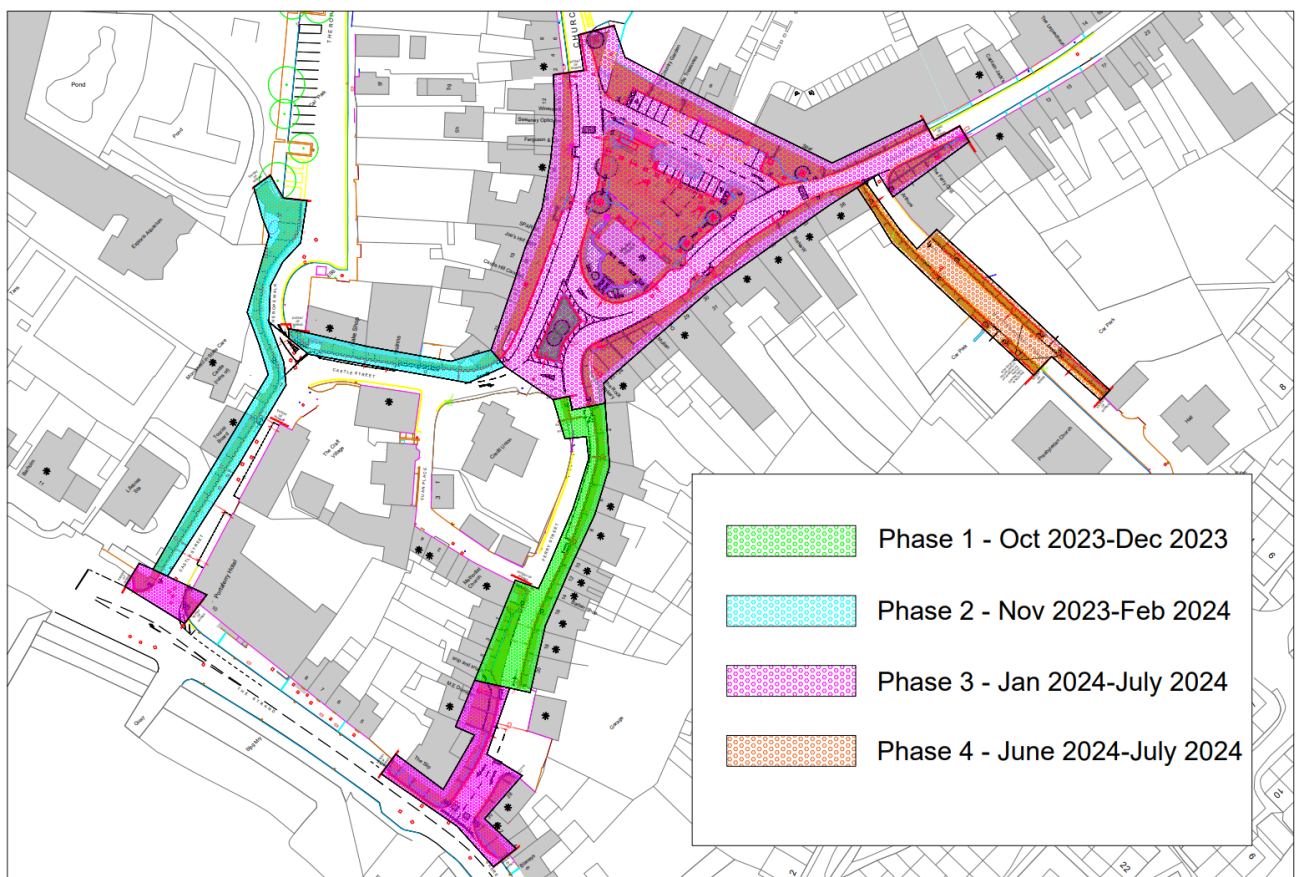
The below schedule of works gives an idea of the proposed plan and dates of works in each area however please note that this is subject to change as the works commence. Keep an eye on the future newsletters and the website, www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/portaferrypublicrealm for regular updates on the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