

# Portaferry Public Realm Scheme

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

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**Welcome to the tenth newsletter for the Portaferry Public Realm Scheme.** Newsletters will be issued monthly 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, 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.



A section of completed footway at the north end of The Square

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## CURRENT PLANNED WORKS

Northstone Ltd have continued to carry out works on the ground despite the recent unfavourable weather. Hopefully the weather improves now that we are in Spring, and this will only help progress on site.

A lot of work has progressed along the top of The Square with Northstone Ltd having completed most of the kerbing and concrete base works and their paving teams are following in behind with opening sections as soon as complete, and safe to do so.

Northstone Ltd are continuing to communicate with residents and traders to try and mitigate disruption as much as possible, and the Contractor's staff team are grateful for the ongoing patience and understanding.

It is great to see a number of new businesses opening within the Square, even with the works taking place and they, and the existing traders, will hopefully benefit in the future from the investment currently underway.



Intricate cobbling taking place in and around Market Square as the paving design begins to take shape

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## Schedule of Works

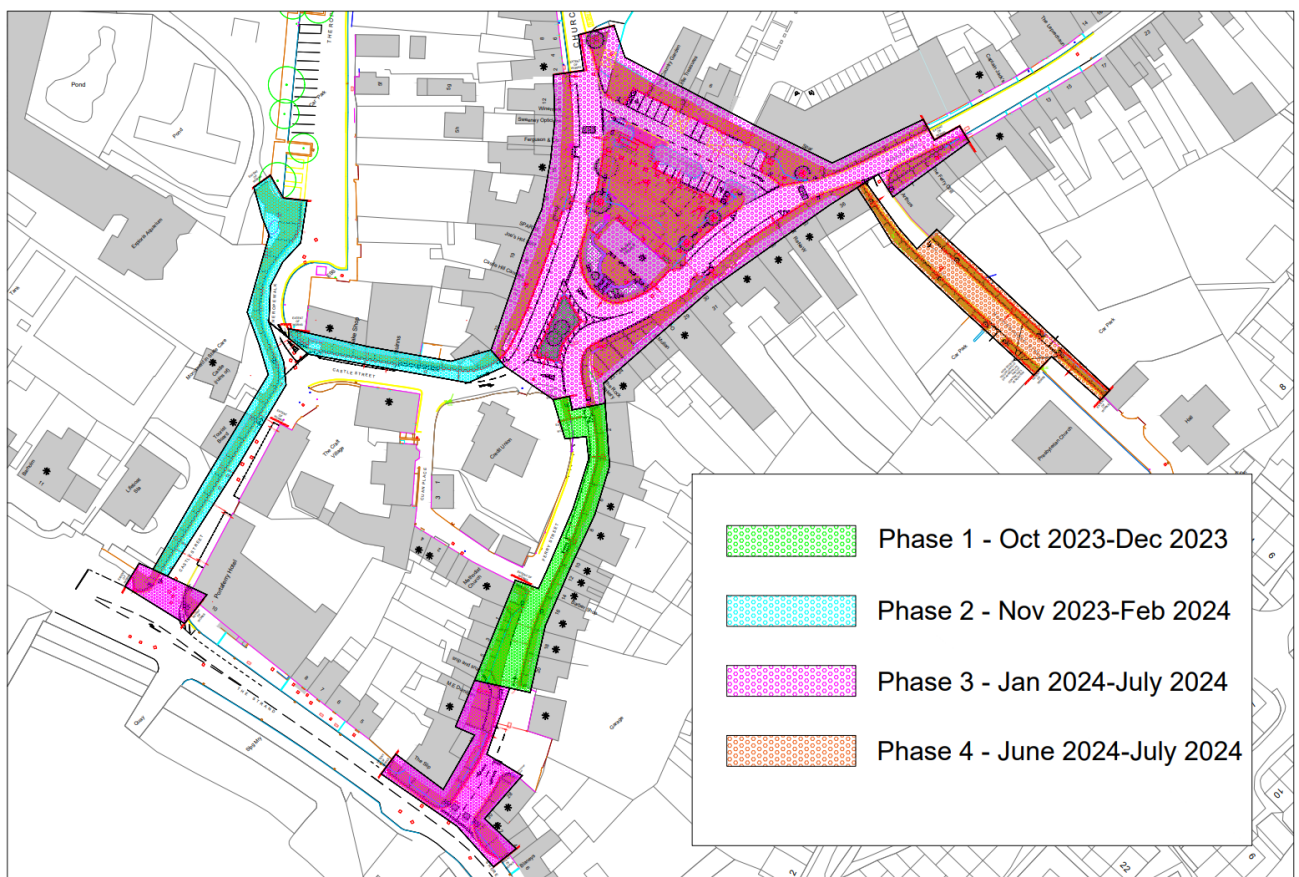
The below schedule of works gives an idea of the proposed plan and dates of works in each area however please note that this is subject to change as the works commence. Keep an eye on the future newsletters and the website, [www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/portaferrypublicrealm](http://www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/portaferrypublicrealm)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