

Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay

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Hello and welcome to our latest edition of the [Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay](#) newsletter.

This is a monthly newsletter to keep you up to date with the latest progress on our ambitious masterplan regeneration projects in North Shields town centre and riverside.

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Our ambition for North Shields aims to create a smaller, more vibrant town centre with more flexible retail opportunities, expanding the evening and weekend economy and improving the quality of public space in the town centre. For more information, [click here](#).

Transport Hub update



Works at the new Transport Hub are progressing well, with internal tiling works expected to be complete this week and internal paving works are ongoing.

Externally, the new town square is coming together, with paving works in progress and external soft landscaping areas expected to be complete next month.

Highway surfacing works to Railway Terrace commenced this week and the addition of a pedestrian crossing on Nile Street/Railway Terrace is ongoing.

Just one week left to have your say on our art wall installation!

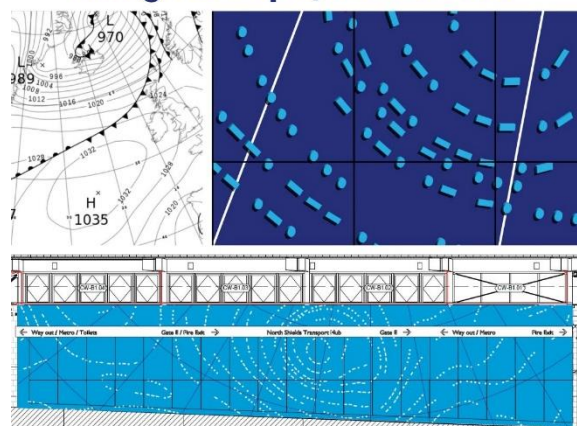
We've commissioned local artist Colin Davies to install a large-scale artwork on the internal wall of the Transport Hub, and you can help decide what it will be!

There are two future-focused designs to choose from, inspired by the town's historical and cultural legacy, and drawing upon references from the industries forged on the Fish Quay:

Design 1: Dazzle Camouflage



Design 2: Maps / Morse Code



Vote for your favourite artwork by 9th July here:

www.aviary.works/northshields

The wall art is one of eight new public artworks commissioned for the town centre and Fish Quay, as part of the Council's ambition for North Shields, and one of three artworks commissioned for the new Transport Hub.

Make your mark – make a fish!

In addition to the wall art piece, a shoal of more than 2,000 fish will form a roof installation inside the Transport Hub.

Artist Colin Davies will run a pop-up art space on North Shields Fish Quay to produce the small fish using recycled plastic materials, partially collected from waste across the borough and old fishing nets.

You're invited to make your mark by creating a piece of the art installation.

Sign up for the mailing list to get involved: www.sum.place/sign-up

Or visit North Shields Library on the 4th or 11th of July between 11am and 1pm to find out the details from the team at Aviary Arts.

Embankment Walkway update

Works to the Embankment Walkway have recommenced, with preparation for temporary propping works currently underway. These propping works will help support the existing retaining wall along Bell Street and are expected to be complete at the end of July.

Once in place, piling works will recommence on the embankment from late July, and are expected to be complete by December 2023.

Temporary two-way traffic lights will be in place on Bell Street during the propping stage of works, with a full road closure planned from week commencing 3rd July until end of September.

Due to the nature of these works, it is expected that there will be further noise and vibration disruption. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding and apologise in advance for any inconvenience these works cause going forward.

Future artwork coming to the Embankment Walkway

As part of our eight public artwork commissions, we've commissioned [artist Keith Barrett](#) to create a sculpture to be featured on the Embankment Walkway once complete.

Keith lives in North Shields and has worked closely with the [Old Low Light Heritage Centre](#), historians and the North Tyneside Equality and Diversity Taskforce to design a sculpture that represents a local woman from the 19th century.

The sculpture will depict Mary Ann Macham, an escaped slave who fled America by stowing away on a ship, eventually arriving in North Shields by coach on Christmas Day 1831. She was met and cared for by a local Quaker family who were prominent figures in the campaign to abolish slavery.

Designed in the style of a ship's figurehead, the sculpture will reflect Mary Ann's journey to North Tyneside and will show her breaking out of chains to represent her escape from slavery.



Gateway 1: Albion Road / Stephenson Street update

As part of our plan to enhance the quality of our public spaces as you enter North Shields town centre and Fish Quay, we've identified three gateway locations:

Gateway 1 Albion Road / Stephenson Street

Gateway 2 Fiddlers Green / Fish Quay

Gateway 3 Prudhoe Street / Trinity Terrace

Infrastructure works to Gateway 3 are now complete, making the five-arm roundabout located on the A187 easier and safer to use thanks to funding from the government's Highways Maintenance Challenge fund.

Upcoming works are planned for Gateway 1: Albion Road / Stephenson Street, to improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure into North Shields town centre.

The works are being carried out by our partner Capita and are expected to commence this summer. For more information on what the works entail, please see our latest [letter to residents here](#).

Funding available for Cultural Quarter

We're inviting bids for cultural and creative events and exhibitions within the North Shields Cultural Quarter of up to £10,000!

This could be:

- a physical piece of art
- a digital projection
- a play, dance or music performance for stage, TV or radio
- an outdoor arts activity
- or a community event

This should be seen or exhibited to an audience within the Cultural Quarter contributing to the development of the local economy.

Deadline for applications is 31 August 2023

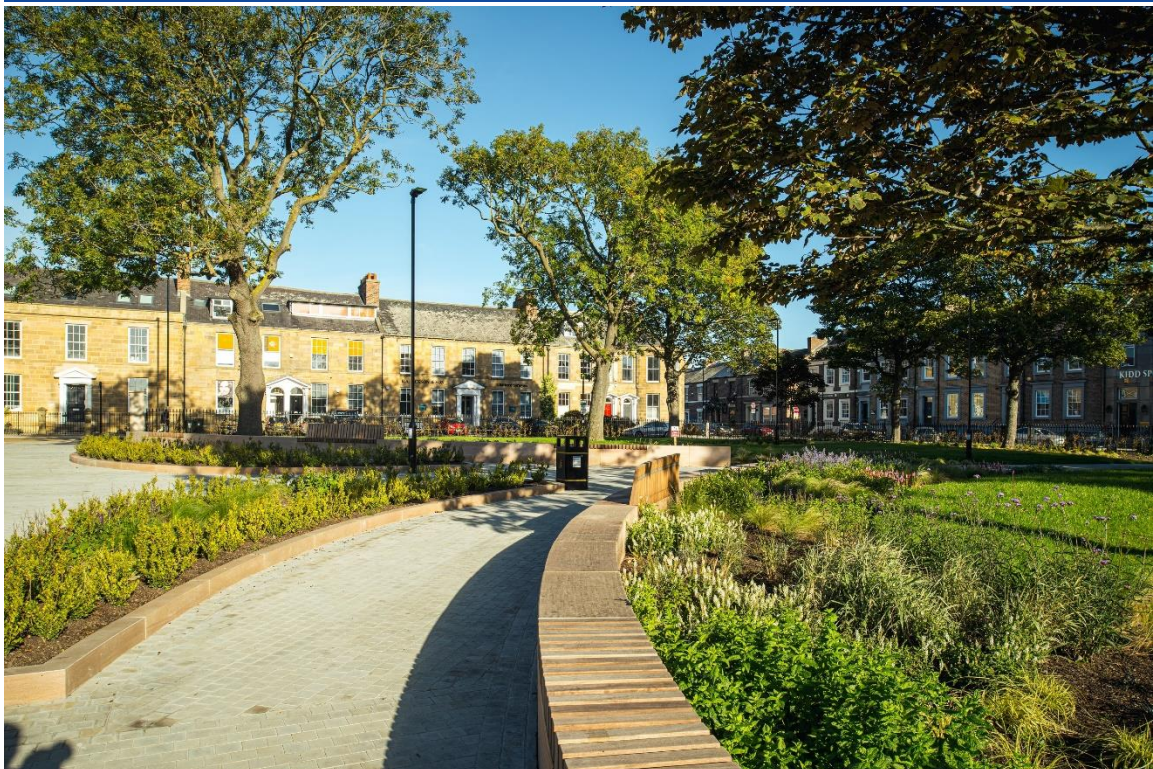
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The North Shields Cultural Quarter is located in and around Howard Street and Saville Street, in the heart of North Shields, creating a cultural corridor and stronger connections between the town centre and the Fish Quay. This funding has been provided by the North of Tyne Combined Authority.

For more information click here.

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1508/north-shields-cultural-quarter>

Northumberland Square Conservation Area



North Shields' heritage assets and green spaces are set to be protected and enhanced in a Draft Conservation Area Management Strategy, which will see a dedicated strategy guide the future management of the area.

The conservation area includes Northumberland Square, Howard Street and part of Saville Street, and has been prepared to support the delivery of the High Street Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) scheme, which is now in its fourth and final year of delivery.

Consultation on the Draft Northumberland Square Conservation Area Management Strategy is planned to be carried out from July to August this year.

Read more here: <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/news/32249/conservation-north-shields-town-centre-will-protect-and-enhance->

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Further information

Parking

Parking is not affected around the Fish Quay, and is accessible via Tanners Bank and Brewhouse Bank.

Buses

From Thursday 23 March there will be some changes to the bus stops used in North Shields town centre. The current stops on Railway Terrace (STG 10/11 and GNE 310) and Nile Street (GNE 19) will be temporarily suspended to allow construction work to take place on the new Transport Hub. Customers for these services should instead use the bus stops on Bedford Street for services 10/11 and 310, or West Percy Street for service 19.

From Sunday 26 March there will be some route and timetable changes taking place throughout North Tyneside and Newcastle. In North Shields the number 19 service will be taken over by Central Taxis following Nexus contract changes. The Go North East service 310 will be renumbered 307 and will have a new route and timetable.

Further details about changes to services in North Shields are available on the [Go North East website](#) and [Arriva](#).

Check out our Digital Story Map

We've created a digital story map showing all the exciting developments either already underway or still in the design stage for North Shields and the Fish Quay.

The map is a really handy interactive tool that plots each project included in the Ambition for North Shields Masterplan with a brief summary of what to expect.

You can view the [story map here](#).

Follow us for more updates!

We are working hard to minimise disruption where possible and we would like to thank you for your continued patience. We will keep you updated throughout the duration of the project.

Keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) for more updates as works progress.

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