

# ARMAGH CITY TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE

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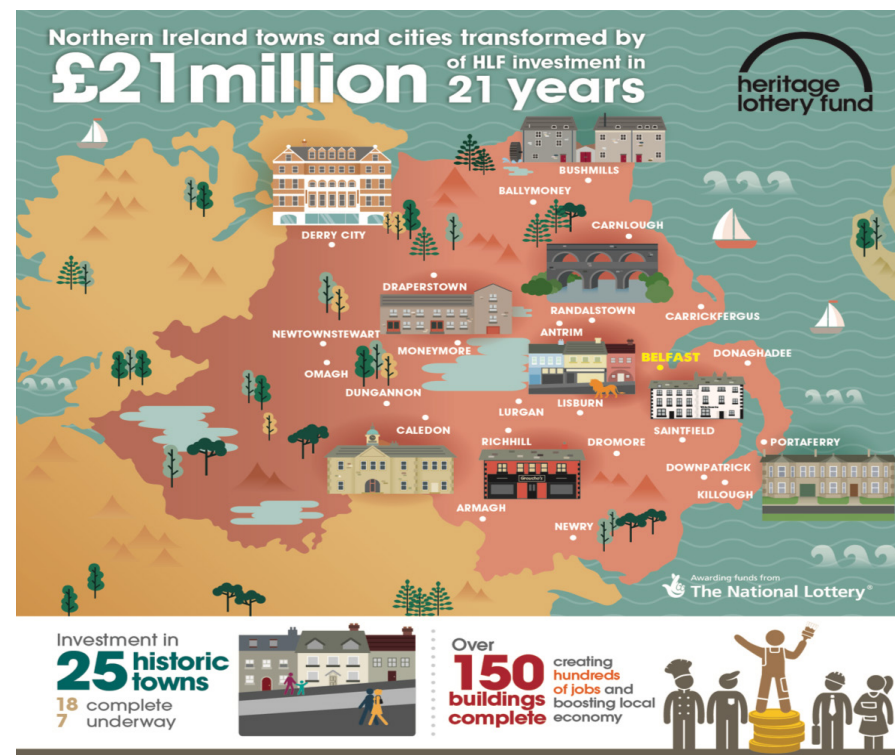
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## WHAT IS THE TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE SCHEME?



**The Townscape Heritage Scheme (TH) is a grant aid programme for the regeneration of the historic environment in towns and cities throughout the UK and is administered by Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).**

### Aims and Objectives

The aims of the Armagh City Townscape Heritage scheme are:

To repair, reinstate and bring back into full sustainable use the buildings identified within the Action Plan which contribute to the historic townscape character of Armagh City Conservation Area.



# ABOUT ARMAGH CITY TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE

**The Armagh City Townscape Heritage Scheme (TH) is a Heritage Lottery Funded Regeneration Programme.**

£6.3m in funding has been secured for the Armagh City Townscape Scheme which consists of monies from ABC Council, £2m, Heritage Lottery Fund, £1.92m and the remainder from private property owners.

This scheme will be delivered in 2 parts, running in parallel:

1. Capital works to approximately 26 properties within the following streets: Upper English Street, Scotch Street and Barrack Street
2. Delivery of an Education and Activity Programme.

This is a 5 year scheme which started on 30 September 2017 and finishes on 30 September 2022.





# THE TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP



**The Armagh City Townscape Heritage Scheme is managed by a Partnership which includes 8 voting Directors, advisors and staff:**

## **Voting Directors**

- Alderman Freda Donnelly, Chairperson
- Councillor Garath Keating
- Councillor Sam Nicholson
- Councillor Thomas O'Hanlon
- Paul Slevin, City Centre Management
- Helena Baxter, City Centre Management
- Peter McNeill
- Stephen McConnell

## **Advisors**

- Caroline Maguire, Historic Environment Division, DfC
- Lynne McDonald, DfC
- Charles McCaffrey, Conservation Officer, ABC Council

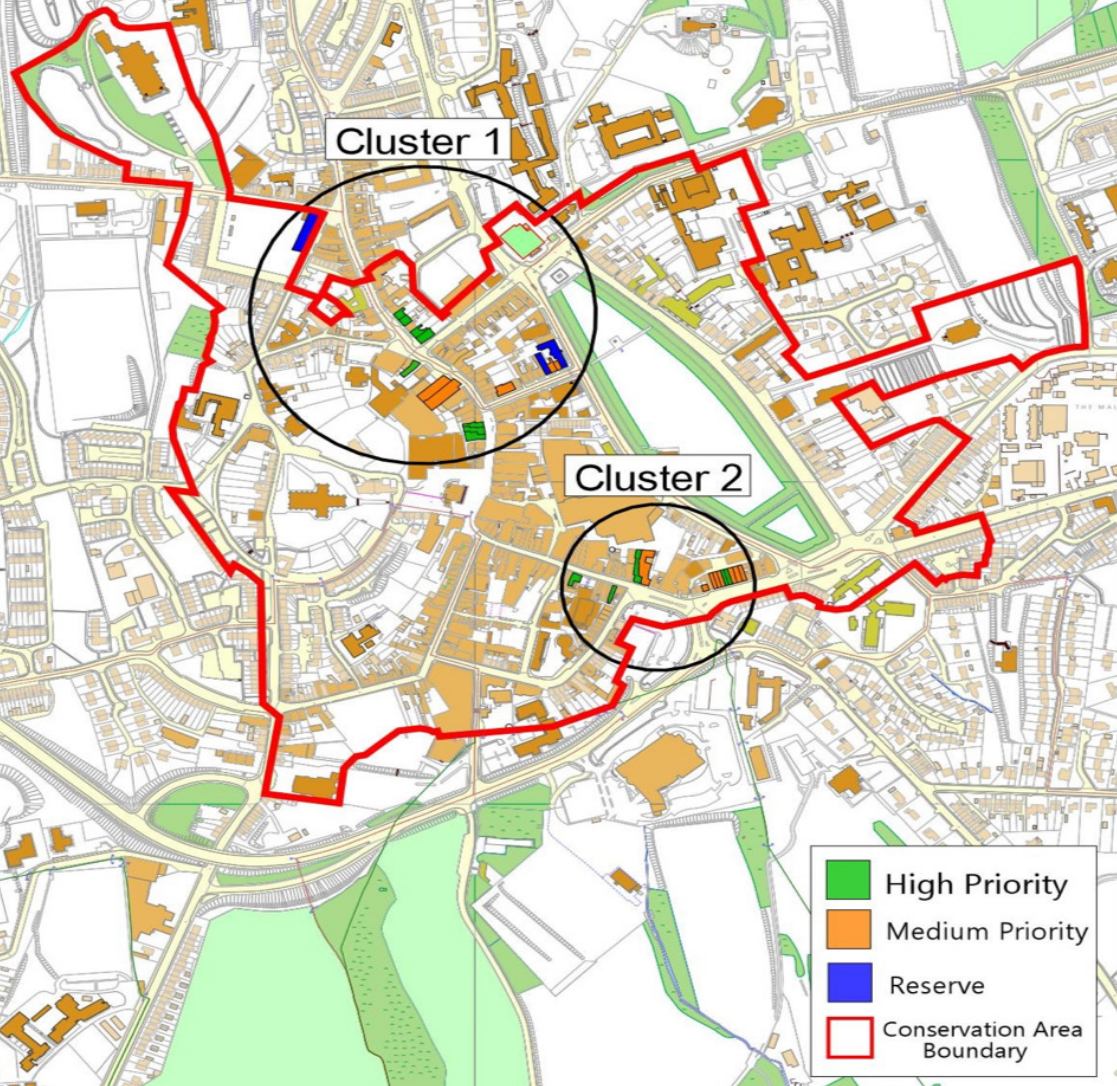
## **Staff within ABC Council**

- Shane Kelland, Regeneration Manager
- Sara McGeary, Tourism Development Officer
- Keith Gilmour, Project Manager
- Ciara MacNeice, Education and Activities Officer

The Armagh City Townscape Heritage Partnership Ltd is a company limited by guarantee and they meet on a monthly basis to run the scheme.







## THE TWO CLUSTERS

The ambitious five-year scheme will conserve the built heritage of two cluster sites within the City's Conservation Area, transforming the historic streetscape and revitalising Armagh City's economic core.

In addition, through education activities, it will inspire and educate people about the heritage of Armagh.



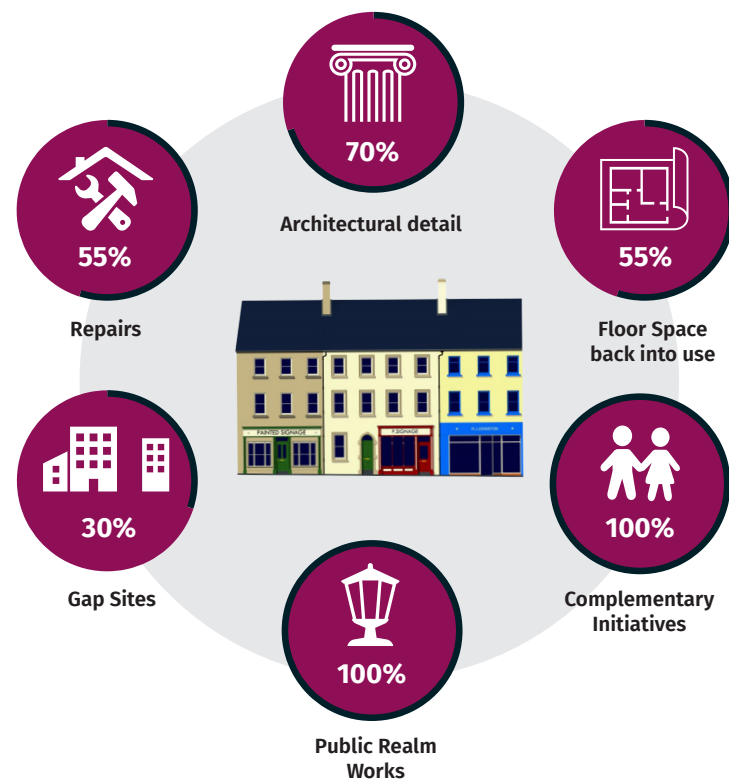




## GRANT RATES

The overall principal governing grant levels for individual projects will be that of no personal gain. As a result, no grant will exceed the conservation deficit i.e. the funding gap between the cost of repairs and the end value of the property.

Within the calculation of the conservation deficit support from the common fund (for eligible costs only) will not exceed the following percentage rates for each category of support:



Both HLF and the TH Partnership encourage the use of suitably qualified professional advisers. The building owner should therefore employ either a qualified Chartered Architect (RIBA/ARB) or Chartered Building Surveyor (RICS) who have an appropriate level of specialist experience in conservation work.



# EDUCATION & ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

The education and activity programme will be delivered through four strands:

1. Learning Through Heritage
2. Shared Heritage Experience
3. Animating Heritage
4. Armagh City, Today's Future, Tomorrow's Heritage



## 1 LEARNING THROUGH HERITAGE

The aim of this strand is to reach out to local Schools, Colleges, and the local community to inspire an appreciation of Armagh's local heritage. In addition, professional development courses in topics such as conservation and building maintenance will take place. Some of the education activities, which are already underway, include:

### RSUA Conservation Course

24 participants have taken part in the Royal Society of Ulster Architects Conservation Course.

### Education

Links have been established with local primary and secondary schools, which will result in programmes starting in December 2018/January 2019. QUB Postgraduate Architecture Students have commenced a Street Studio programme, where they are looking at new uses for back lands and buildings around Armagh.







## 2 SHARED HERITAGE EXPERIENCE

A number of learning journeys will be undertaken to comparable projects and places in other parts of Ireland and the UK. This will be an opportunity for delegates to see it first-hand the quality of the built environment and public realm schemes.

### IHBC

The IHBC (Institute of Historic Buildings) came to visit Armagh as part of their Annual School in June 2018.

“The trip to Kilkenny and Waterford was very inspiring. Kilkenny was jaw dropping; the people involved on the Regeneration Projects were so passionate about their work and went to great lengths to achieve their goals.”

“For me it was the quality of their work and the quality of the materials used combined with very efficient teamwork that made it all happen. I felt this was so very important to the overall outcome. I really loved Waterford and how the Architects took such pride as it was not just a contract it was a labour of love and this shone very brightly.”



## 3 ANIMATING HERITAGE

This includes proposals for the development of a heritage trail of Armagh City and the potential development of an App. Research will take place to create a narrative for the heritage trail of buildings, points of interest and myths and legends. As part of this photography and video footage will be taken over the 5 years of the various activities that take place and the buildings before and after restoration.

## 4 ARMAGH CITY, TODAY'S FUTURE, TOMORROW'S HERITAGE

This proposal seeks to create a new place in Armagh, be it a building, space or other structure as a statement of hope in the future to complement Armagh's historic heritage. This will result in a Summer celebration on the Mall at the end of the 5yr project.





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