

Historic Wolverhampton street secures Lottery support

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The project aims to provide grants to assist owners with essential repairs and improvements to their properties in Queen Street, possibly one of the most historic streets in the Wolverhampton City Centre Conservation Area.

The award will help to support the city's Interchange scheme, improving an important pedestrian route from the bus and rail stations through to the city centre's main retail shopping area.

Development funding of £40,000 has been initially awarded to help the council develop plans to improve the properties.

Once the plans have been approved, a further £864,000 will be made available in the form of grants which will support the costs of repairs and improvements for businesses and property owners.

Councillor Peter Bilson, Wolverhampton City Council's Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity, said: "This is exciting and welcoming news for the city and will enable the council to provide real support for struggling businesses in this important part of the city centre. We shall be working closely with property owners, and our project partners, over the next few

months to develop proposals for the area.”

Reyahn King, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund West Midlands, said: “Queen Street is destined to become a major pedestrian artery serving the town centre. Our decision to provide initial support and some immediate development funding, means that planning to restore historic buildings can begin in earnest. This will underpin this important local heritage while at the same time helping to reinvigorate the local economy.”

Queen Street has many important listed buildings dating back to the early 19th century.

The council will be working in partnership with WVOne and the Wolverhampton Civic and Historical Society to deliver the scheme over the next five years. The project will also involve the local community in undertaking research into the history of the street which will eventually be made available through a series of new initiatives, including digital media.

Notes to editors

Queen Street was laid out at the beginning of the 19th century and contains some of the city’s most important historic buildings including the town’s first dispensary providing medical care for the poor, the first free library and the assembly rooms which were later converted into the County Court. The middle of the 19th century saw the opening of Wolverhampton’s two rival railway stations and Queen Street became the main route into the town centre for those arriving by rail until the 1880s when Lichfield Street was widened and extended. But Queen Street remained a key location for thriving businesses and became the home of a new prestigious headquarters building for the Express and Star newspaper in the 1930.

Further information

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Beverley Road secures support

Hull City Council has successfully passed the first round of bidding and now has permission to progress the plans to round two and apply for a full grant worth around £1.567m. The council now has until February 2015 to develop a detailed application that will include a range of proposals to restore

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Historic buildings in Witton Street which form part of the TH scheme

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Northwich's history fit for the future

The town has been earmarked for a grant under the Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) Townscape Heritage Initiative fund, it was announced today. A steering group led by the Weaver Valley Partnership and Cheshire West and Chester Council bid for a share of the funding pot which aims to regenerate the

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£700,000 for Carrington Street facelift

Nottingham City Council has received initial support for a Townscape Heritage (TH) bid from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for the Carrington Street project. The redevelopment of Carrington Street forms part of wider regeneration in the area to build a better Nottingham – including the creation of

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Last millworkers' tenement at New Lanark World Heritage Site to be restored

The restoration of the historic millworkers' housing at New Lanark, one of the largest and most successful conservation projects in Europe, is to be completed, while in Inverness the economic

fortunes of one of the most deprived areas of the city are set to be turned around. Other awards were made
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