

Leeming Street, Mansfield

We’re celebrating 50 years since the designation of the first conservation area by announcing £17million of National Lottery investment to revive 10 across the UK.

Designated in 1967, the first conservation area was Stamford in Lincolnshire. A thriving and economically vibrant town, Stamford is a still big draw for tourists today and there’s no questioning its special historic character.

Sadly, others haven’t fared so well, particularly in areas where there are high levels of social and economic deprivation. And that’s why today we announce this National Lottery investment to revive 10 conservation areas in need of a bit of TLC.

It is hoped that the money will reverse years of decline by repairing buildings and creating attractive, vibrant places that people want to live, work, visit and invest in.

The projects

In Newport in Wales, a grant of just over £1.2m will restore and regenerate the town’s oldest surviving shopping arcade - the Grade II listed Market Arcade.

In Maybole in Scotland, an investment of just under £2m aims to halt the deterioration of, and to repair, important historic buildings located within the town's conservation area. It will improve up to 75 properties, shop fronts and public spaces, making the town attractive for local people and investment.

In Underbanks, Stockport, just over £1.8m will help revitalise Stockport's historic high street as a vibrant destination.

Other places receiving grants

- Bradford, West Yorkshire
- Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland
- Stockton-on-Tees
- Underbanks, Stockport
- Mansfield, Nottinghamshire
- Lurgan, Northern Ireland
- Penicuik, Scotland
- Blaenavon, Wales



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50 years of conservation areas