

MISSION STATEMENT

Portaferry Regeneration Ltd recognises the outstanding natural beauty of Portaferry's surroundings and seeks to make the town a more desirable place to live in and visit by facilitating:

- the creation and development of self-sustaining local businesses
- the restoration of its built heritage and the elimination of dereliction
- the development of its amenities, tourist attractions and infrastructure



*The Townscape Heritage Initiative:
Renewing the heart of our historic towns and
cities.*

In Portaferry twenty seven properties qualify for a Townscape Heritage Initiative grant of thousands of pounds. The THI seeks to conserve and revitalise the townscape.

***Do you own one of the properties?
Could you buy one of the properties?***

This could be a good investment opportunity for you and a great way to help Portaferry.

Our project officer, Gary Lavery is already in discussion with some property owners. If you have any interest or need help in locating matched funding, or want to better

understand the grant rules, please come and have a confidential discussion with him.

For any enquiries or further information call Gary Lavery or Allison Murphy,
@ 427-29598 or visit

Portaferry Regeneration Ltd's offices at
30 The Square – above ReNeW charity shop.

Next steps:

The last few months have been busy ones for PRL. Firstly 'Permission to Start' was received from from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The next steps of the process were to advertise, interview and appoint a Project Manager, Conservation Consultants and an Education Officer to carry out the 5 year delivery phase of the THI. This has taken place. PRL is pleased to announce the following appointments:

- **Gary Lavery—Project Manager**
- **Nick Brown—Conservation Consultant**
- **Allison Murphy—Education Officer**

Project Manager Update:

To date we have been meeting with a number of property owners with a possible 14 properties being brought forward to a design stage and costing. These properties are on our list of **Eligible Properties** within the Portaferry Conservation Area.

If you are the owner of any of the eligible properties listed overleaf, please contact Gary Lavery (Project Officer) to discuss your plans and proposals.

4 High Street	2-4 Church Street
6 High Street	6-8 Church Street
7 High Street	9-11 Ferry Street
8 High Street	13 Ferry Street
10-12 High Street	18-20 Ferry Street
25-27 High Street	22-24 Ferry St
29 High Street	26 Ferry St
1 The Square	28 Ferry St
2-4 The Square	30 Ferry St
15 The Square	8 Shore Rd
33-33A The Square	38-40 Shore Rd
36A The Square	2-4 The Strand
Market House	15-16 The Strand
	Gate Lodge

Education Officer Update:

A comprehensive programme of Education and Training activities is underway in order to engage school pupils, college students and the community as a whole. Posters have been placed around the town and in the Parish bulletin to keep residents informed. Schools have been contacted and projects related to the buildings and the history of Portaferry are about to start. Meetings are taking place and information is being gathered to plan a 21st century Heritage Trail.

Market House:

To date PRL and PCC have submitted a planning application to carry out enhancement works to the Market House which will make the property a more inviting place to visit and to use as a central community venue within the Square of Portaferry. The groups have also applied for funding from Axis 3 funding of Northern Ireland Rural development Programme 2007-13, eligible under the Heritage Lottery scheme. PRL and PCC are working together with Ards Borough Council to make this a landmark project within the Square in Portaferry and a venue of Historic interest and community use.

Portaferry THI Project Officer Forum

Portaferry Regeneration will be hosting a Townscape Heritage Initiative Event on the 23rd of March 2012. This forum will include Project & Education Officers from all over Northern Ireland, including: Richill, Lisburn, Derry, Ballymoney and Bushmills. The Forum will discuss and share issues which affect the progress of Regeneration of derelict buildings.



Good News for ferry users!

From Friday March 16th it will finally be possible to purchase tickets for the Strangford ferry in Portaferry. Thanks to an initiative by PRL, SLLP and the Post Office, tickets will be on sale in the Post Office.



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