



Townscape Heritage Initiative

Update - April 2013

Launch of THI Website

On Friday 22nd February the Market House in Portaferry was packed to capacity when the website for Portaferry's Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) was launched.

The evening began with a welcome from Doug Edmondson, Chairman of Portaferry Regeneration Ltd, under whose auspices the THI programme has been developed. Gary Laverty, THI's Project Manager, then provided details of the website which can be found at www.portaferrythi.com. Here you can find all properties in Portaferry which qualify for grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund's initiative. The website is continuously being updated so everyone can be aware of all developments under the scheme and all complementary events which are taking place.

The launch was followed by an illustrated presentation from THI's Education Officer, Allison Murphy, on 'Sailing Ships & Sea Captains' which provided a well-researched background to the great maritime history of Portaferry. All those attending were fascinated to learn that for over a hundred years Portaferry was at the forefront in shipbuilding and that ships, captained by local master mariners, sailed all over the world. James Elliott, whose family had businesses in Portaferry, then gave a very interesting talk about the two ships which they had owned.

Supper was provided and THI officers were available to answer any questions posed.

Among those attending were MP Jim Shannon, MLAs Mike Nesbitt and Kieran McCarthy and Councillor Joe Boyle.

Many property owners in Portaferry are currently involved at different stages with the Townscape Heritage Initiative .

Watch out for work starting on the following:-

7 High Street

6-8 Church Street

8 Shore Road

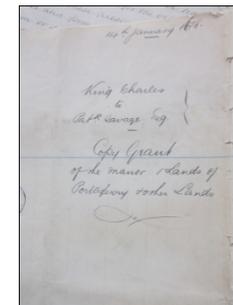
28/30 Ferry Street

Do you own one of the qualifying properties or could you buy one

See details of all the properties on our website.

For more information come and talk to Gary Laverty, Project Manager

The outreach educational history programme with St. Columba's College has continued this term. The pupils' research into the history of Portaferry over 100 years ago culminated in a visit to the Public Record Office (see below). The second stage of the programme has now begun. This is an intergenerational project in which the pupils interview and record the memories of those who lived in Portaferry over 70 years ago. They plan to produce a film of their research.



For more information on anything in this leaflet please call Gary Laverty, Project Officer, or Allison Murphy, Education Officer, on **028427 29598**.

