

## About the scheme

The Pontefract Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) is a £1.5 million heritage scheme jointly funded by Wakefield Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund. It was launched in March 2011 and is due to finish in March 2018. The scheme aims to improve the historic environment of the Pontefract Market Place Conservation Area.

## Helping Pontefract's Historic Market Place

The THI is offering grants to help to fund urgent repairs and frontage improvements to historic properties within the THI area, preserving its unique heritage and making the area a better place to live, work and invest. So far the scheme has funded improvements to a number of buildings on Gillygate, Ropergate and Market Place, making a really positive impact on the town centre.

## Apply for a grant

For more information about the scheme and the grant funding available, or to discuss your project please contact the THI officer at Wakefield Council.

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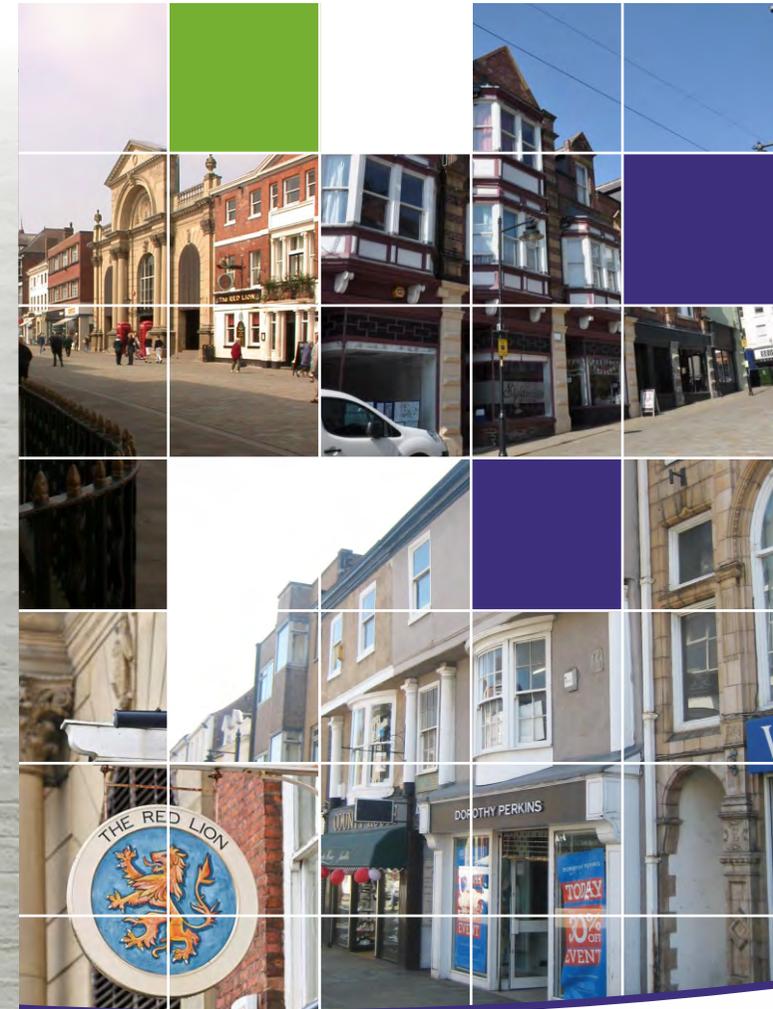


1 Market Place and 26 Market Place before and after the THI - funded works.



## Pontefract Market Place Conservation Area

Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI)



Further information can be obtained on the Council website: [www.wakefield.gov.uk](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk) or telephone: 01924 306630

## What is the Townscape Heritage Initiative?

The main aims of the scheme are to:

- Promote the preservation and enhancement of historic buildings within the THI area
- Support the repair and reinstatement of historic frontages to create a high quality, attractive environment
- Provide training in traditional skills
- Raise awareness of Pontefract's historic built environment

## Grants Scheme

The THI is offering a small number of major grants to key properties in the area, as well as minor works grants of up to £15,000 for other historic properties in the THI area.

The type of work that can be funded includes:

- Repairs to sash windows, roofs, gutters and rain water goods
- Reinstatement of traditional shop fronts
- Repair and reinstatement of external architectural features

Grants can cover up to 77% of the costs of repair works and up to 85% of the costs of reinstating original features (including shop fronts).

## Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible for a grant your property must be a historic property within the THI area and you must either own the building or have a lease with at least ten years left to run. If you have a shorter lease you could still be eligible to make a joint application with the property owner (the THI officer will be happy to discuss this with you).



- Pontefract Market Place Conservation Area Boundary
- Completed
- In development

So far the THI scheme has awarded grants to three priority properties within the conservation area, and funded nine minor works grants, with really positive results. The scheme runs until March 2018. If you would like support to make improvements to your own building please get in touch.