

Pontefract Market Place Conservation Area

Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI)

Consultation and community involvement

Community involvement has been key to the successful development of the THI and will continue throughout its lifetime through training and educational activities. The THI builds upon significant community activity and interest in this historic town.

Community benefits

The local community will be involved throughout the implementation of the THI scheme. In addition to the environmental improvements, the THI will encourage activities to:

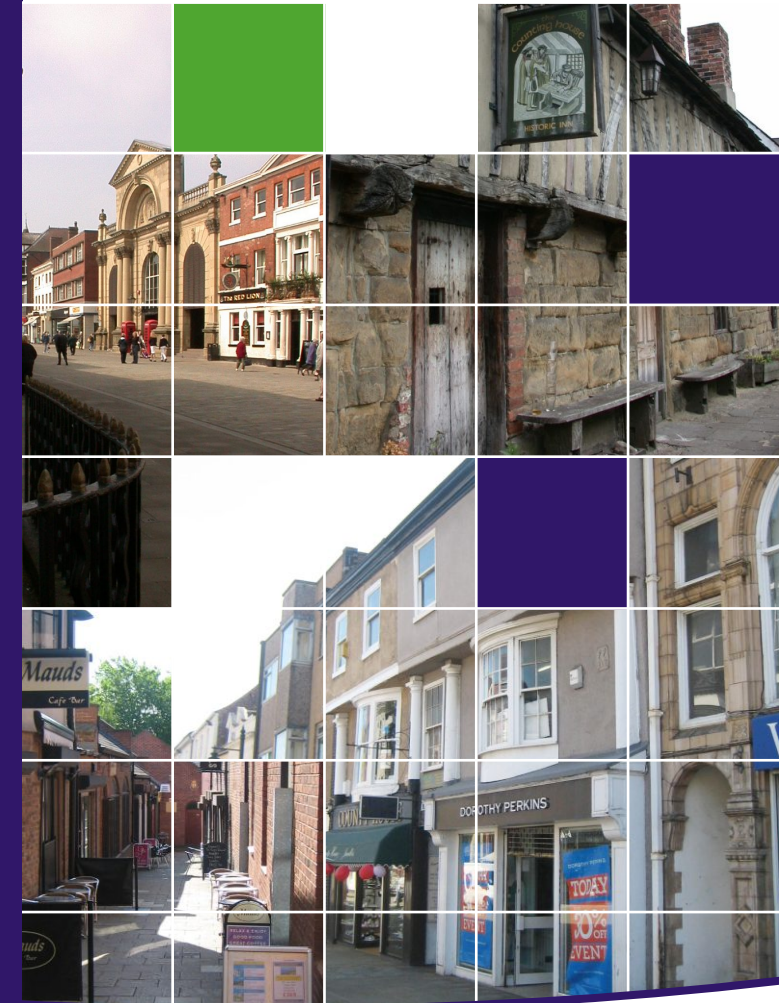
- Widen knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Pontefract's heritage.
- Widen consultation opportunities with key stakeholders and the local community.

Building conservation

The THI will provide specialist conservation training opportunities for building owners, the community and local construction businesses to promote the importance of traditional skills and materials.

How to apply

If you are interested in applying for a THI grant please contact Wakefield Council on 01924 304950 to discuss your project.



Further information can be obtained on the Council website:
www.wakefield.gov.uk/thi or telephone: **01924 304950**

What is a Townscape Heritage Initiative?

The THI forms one part of a strategy to bring economic and environmental renewal to Pontefract.

The aims are to:

- Promote the preservation and enhancement of the town's historic buildings and public spaces.
- Promote sustainable development through the repair and reuse of historic buildings and provide training in traditional skills and the use of original, local materials.
- Create a high quality, attractive environment to encourage investment, new enterprise and employment opportunities.
- Engage the community and raise awareness of Pontefract's historic built environment.

What will the THI bring to Pontefract?

- Secured funding from Wakefield Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund of £1.5m, and a THI Team that will provide specialist guidance and support.
- Opportunity for building owners to apply for grant funding to help with repair and restoration.

The type of works that could be funded includes:

- Structural and external repairs, to selected buildings.
- Restoration and reinstatement of architectural features.
- Repair and restoration of the town's medieval ginnels.

Over 20 buildings and 3 yard areas have been identified as eligible for inclusion.



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- Pontefract Market Place Conservation Area Boundary
- Potential Ginnel Improvements
- Potential Small Grant Improvements

- Critical Projects:** Essential to the delivery of a scheme; without tackling them, the scheme will be perceived to have failed.
- Priority Projects:** Clearly contributing to the enhancement of the conservation area.
- Reserve Projects:** Worthwhile pursuing should funding become available or if some of the priority projects or fail to come forward for a grant.