



Kirkwall Townscape Heritage Initiative Newsletter August 2019



The Kirkwall Townscape Heritage Initiative is a five-year heritage-based grant scheme which seeks to deliver sustainable improvements to the built heritage of the Kirkwall Conservation Area, in an effort to regenerate the centre of Kirkwall for the benefit of local communities and businesses, as well as attract visitors.

The scheme has been running since July 2014 and is now in its concluding stages.

Following works completed earlier this year on Broad Street, Castle Street and Albert Street, we are about to start Phase 2 of the Kirkwall THI street works on 2 September 2019.

The works will be carried out in the following phases.

Phase.	When is it happening?	What are we doing?	Which streets are open?
Phase 1.	2 September to 28 September 2019.	Widening the pavement in front of the Orkney Museum. Constructing a new road layout at the Broad Street junction with Tankerness Lane. Temporary removal of parking spaces outside former Spence's Newsagent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Victoria Street - open to vehicles and pedestrians.• Palace Road – open.• Broad Street – open.• Tankerness Lane - closed to vehicles but open to pedestrians.
Phase 2.	2 October to 30 November 2019.	New road layout at junction of Palace Road and Broad Street.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Victoria Street - open to vehicles and pedestrians.

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		<p>New pavement layout between Palace Road and former Spence's Newsagent.</p> <p>Parking area reconstructed outside former Spence's Newsagent (parking remains temporarily unavailable during this phase).</p> <p>Work on roads and pavements at Palace Road entrance to Cathedral.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palace Road – one-way system planned – further details to follow. • Broad Street - one-way system planned – further details to follow. • Tankerness Lane - closed to vehicles but open to pedestrians.

1 December 2019 to 5 January 2020 - no works and all streets open to vehicles and pedestrians, with parking available outside former Spence's Newsagent.

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Phase 3.	6 January 2020 to 5 February 2020.	<p>Reconstruction of parking spaces opposite Royal Bank of Scotland.</p> <p>Laying of street slabs from Tankerness Lane to head of Victoria Street.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Street – open to pedestrians but closed to vehicles from the head of Tankerness Lane to Victoria Road. During times when Victoria Street is closed to vehicles, the Contractor, Andrew Sinclair Ltd, will assist with deliveries and arrange for bins to be collected from properties and returned. Arrangements for this will be discussed with

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			businesses and residents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palace Road – open. • Broad Street – open. • Tankerness Lane - closed to vehicles but open to pedestrians.

As part of the process to temporarily close a road, all emergency services will be informed, and alternative access arrangements put in place.

These routes are subject to minor changes during each section to allow works to progress. All routes will be clearly signed, separated by cones or fenced off.

In the interest of your safety and the safety of the workers, please follow the instruction on site and only park vehicles in approved areas.

The next newsletter is scheduled for mid-November to update on the planned road closures and arrangements for bin collection and deliveries.

Regular updates will be published on the Council's update Facebook page. Plans illustrating phased closures are available from Customer Services at the Council Offices.

If you have any concerns or questions and wish to discuss the project, please contact Jackie Thomson at Orkney Islands Council on 01856873535.