

Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay

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Hello and welcome to our latest edition of the [Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay](#) newsletter.

This is a monthly newsletter to keep you up to date with the latest progress on our ambitious masterplan regeneration projects in North Shields town centre and riverside.

In this issue you'll find:

- Transport Hub update
- More Public Artworks coming to North Shields
- Northumberland Square property restoration
- Further information

Our ambition for North Shields aims to create a smaller, more vibrant town centre with more flexible retail opportunities, expanding the evening and weekend economy and improving the quality of public space in the town centre. For more information, [click here](#).

Transport Hub update



Solar panels have been installed on the roof of the Transport Hub, which will provide a sustainable source of power to the building. It's hoped the Transport Hub will be the first carbon net-zero building in North Tyneside, with sustainability at the forefront of

the design through use of materials, solar energy and surface water quality management.

Work on the new Town Square, outside the Transport Hub, is well underway, providing a much-needed green space, creating an area for events and leisure activities and promoting biodiversity.

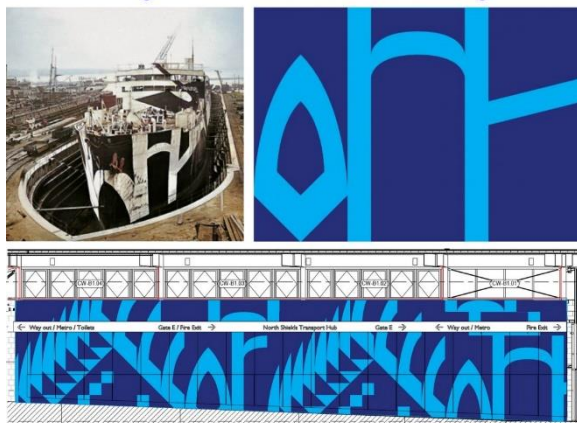


Have your say on our art wall installation!

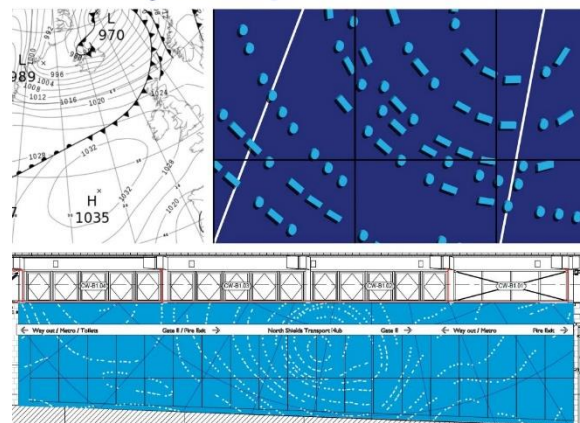
We've commissioned local artist Colin Davies to install a large-scale artwork on the internal wall of the Transport Hub, and you can help decide what it will be!

There are two future-focused designs to choose from, inspired by the town's historical and cultural legacy, and drawing upon references from the industries forged on the Fish Quay:

Design 1: Dazzle Camouflage



Design 2: Maps / Morse Code



Design 1: Dazzle Camouflage

This design is inspired by the graphic camouflage patterns installed on ships built in North Shields over the last 100 years, reflecting those seen on HMS Vetch and SS Cadillac.

Design 2: Maps / Morse Code

Morse code and synoptic maps feature in this design, illustrating stories from local people in dots and dashes formed in a swirling pattern that represents weather forecasting maps used to chart courses while at sea.

Vote for your favourite artwork by 9th July here:

www.aviary.works/northshields

The wall art is one of eight new public artworks' commissioned for the town centre and Fish Quay, as part of the Council's ambition for North Shields.

More Public Artworks coming to North Shields



Local schoolchildren and community groups have been taking part in workshops with Helix Arts to help design three new artworks destined for the town centre.

Artists from Helix Arts, Laura Brenchley and Aaron Li-Hill, visited Norham High School and Percy Main Primary School last week to deliver five workshops to 112 students in a bid to collect as many ideas from local people as possible. So far, Helix Arts have engaged with over 800 people to influence and shape the designs commissioned as part of the Council's ambition for North Shields, including:

- John Spence Community High School
- Spring Gardens Primary School
- Christ Church CofE Primary School
- Walking With
- North Tyneside Arts Studio
- Cedarwood Trust

- Meadow Well Connected
- YMCA North Tyneside
- Residents and visitors at drop-in workshops in shopping centres and libraries

Once complete, the two artworks will be located at key gateways into the town centre, including the junction between Borough Road and Prudhoe Street, and outside North Tyneside Magistrates' Court on Tynemouth Road.

For more information about the project and the fantastic work Helix Arts does, visit: www.helixarts.com/work/north-shields-public-art/

Northumberland Square Property Restoration



17 Northumberland Square

Meticulous restoration works to Number 17 Northumberland Square are now complete.

Adjacent to the recent successful housing conversion of 13-16 Northumberland Square, repairs to the exterior of this Grade II listed building included repairs to masonry, downpipes, roofing and window refurbishments for the first time in 20 years.

The works were part of the North Shields High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ), a joint initiative between Historic England and North Tyneside Council.

Covering the area around Northumberland Square and Howard Street, the Heritage Action Zone is focused on the Georgian and Victorian gardens, streets, and buildings, constructed as a new commercial and residential area for those who made their wealth through the growth of trade and industry on the Tyne.

Further information

Parking

Parking is not affected around the Fish Quay, and is accessible via Tanners Bank and Brewhouse Bank.

Buses

From Thursday 23 March there will be some changes to the bus stops used in North Shields town centre. The current stops on Railway Terrace (STG 10/11 and GNE 310) and Nile Street (GNE 19) will be temporarily suspended to allow construction work to take place on the new Transport Hub. Customers for these services should instead use the bus stops on Bedford Street for services 10/11 and 310, or West Percy Street for service 19.

From Sunday 26 March there will be some route and timetable changes taking place throughout North Tyneside and Newcastle. In North Shields the number 19 service will be taken over by Central Taxis following Nexus contract changes. The Go North East service 310 will be renumbered 307 and will have a new route and timetable.

Further details about changes to services in North Shields are available on the [Go North East website](#) and [Arriva](#).

Check out our Digital Story Map

We've created a digital story map showing all the exciting developments either already underway or still in the design stage for North Shields and the Fish Quay.

The map is a really handy interactive tool that plots each project included in the Ambition for North Shields Masterplan with a brief summary of what to expect.

You can view the [story map here](#).

Follow us for more updates!

We are working hard to minimise disruption where possible and we would like to thank you for your continued patience. We will keep you updated throughout the duration of the project.

Keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) for more updates as works progress.

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