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Town centre Heritage Action Zones

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1. What are Heritage Action Zones?

Heritage Action Zones are programmes that help encourage growth in historic places and help heritage assets be more productive. A heritage action zone has a programme, made up of a group of projects in partnership with Historic England, the Local Authority and other relevant organisations.¹ The English Heritage website states:

Working with local people and partners, including local authorities, Historic England is helping to breathe new life into old places that are rich in heritage and full of promise - unlocking their potential and making them more attractive to residents, businesses, tourists and investors. We are doing this through joint-working, grant funding and sharing our skills.

Historic buildings that have deteriorated through decades of neglect will be restored and put back into use; conservation areas improved to kick-start regeneration and renewal; and unsung places will be recognised and celebrated for their unique character and heritage, helping instil a sense of local pride wherever there's a Heritage Action Zone.

Heritage action zones were announced in the [2016 Culture White Paper](#). Following an application process, the first ten heritage action zones were [selected in March 2017](#), with each programme expected to last between three and five years. There are currently 18 heritage action zones, with two more starting in 2019:

- Appleby
- Bishop Auckland
- Coventry
- Dewsbury Living Market Town
- Elsecar
- Greater Grimsby
- Hull
- King's Lynn
- North Lowestoft Heritage Quarter
- Nottingham
- Ramsgate
- Rochdale Town Centre
- Stockton & Darlington Railway
- Stoke-on-Trent Ceramic
- Sunderland
- Sutton
- Walworth, London
- Weston-super-Mare
- Gosport (beginning Spring 2019)
- Swindon (beginning Spring 2019)

¹ English Heritage, [Historic Action Zones: Explanatory Notes and Guidance](#), May 2017

High street funding announced in Budget 2018

Budget 2018 announced support for the High Street through the [Future High Streets Fund](#). Part of this would include: “£55 million for heritage-based regeneration, restoring historic high streets to boost retail and bring properties back into use as homes, offices and cultural venues.”² Further detail was announced in [October 2018 by Historic England](#) who set out that £40 million had been allocated to Heritage Action Zones based around the high street. It expects cultural programmes and capital works to begin in 2020, with projects completing by the end of 2023. 40-60 high streets are expected to be included in the scheme.

² HM Treasury, [Budget 2018](#), para 5.14

2. News items

Articles on individual zones are available. MPs can request these via the Library.

BBC News Online

Grimsby, Stoke and Rochdale among Heritage Action Zones

5 December 2017

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-42226980>

Guardian

Historic England unveils £6m plan to bring towns and buildings back to life

20 March 2017

<https://www.theguardian.com/culture/2017/mar/20/historic-england-unveils-6m-plan-to-bring-towns-and-buildings-back-to-life>

3. Press releases

Historic England

[£40 Million Government Funding To Improve Historic High Streets](#)

30 October 2018

- Government announces £40 million for new round of Heritage Action Zones to improve and revive historic high streets
- Up to 60 historic high streets will benefit from the scheme across England
- Four year programme of high street improvements and cultural activities

England's struggling historic high streets are to be regenerated with £40m Government funding that will be delivered by extending Historic England's successful Heritage Action Zone initiative. The substantial funding was announced in the Autumn Budget (29 October 2018).

Historic England will work with local authorities, Business Improvement Districts, Chambers of Commerce and others to deliver a four-year programme of physical improvements and cultural activities in historic high streets and town centres around the country. The Heritage Action Zones initiative will run alongside the Transforming Places through Heritage programme where Architectural Heritage Fund advisors will support community schemes to deliver new uses for historic buildings on high streets. The total fund for restoring historic high streets is £55 million.

Historic England has a track record of working with partners to change the fortunes of flagging historic urban centres. Successes range from Whitstable in the 1980s to more recent projects in Derby and Grantham.

Launched two years ago, [Heritage Action Zones](#) are already having an impact in places like Ramsgate and Sunderland. Based on similar completed Historic England regeneration schemes, such as one in [Derby's Cathedral Quarter](#), Historic England expects that the headline investment announced by Government will be matched by public and private partners, ensuring that it has a much greater impact and delivers long-term benefits.

Studies commissioned by Historic England, the British Retail Consortium and other bodies demonstrates that investment in the historic fabric of towns and cities brings substantial economic and environmental benefits, making places more attractive to businesses and investors, and helping communities to feel a sense of pride about their area.

Historic England will establish partnerships to revive existing retail and commercial space, and help to repurpose failing shops to provide homes and space for other new uses. Through promotion and a programme of

cultural activities, historic high streets will see more people visiting them for a new variety of activities, building their sustainability and resilience.

Historic buildings, whether that be in medieval market towns or on post-war high streets, are incredibly significant to our communities and our sense of identity. By investing £55 million up and down the country, we will help restore and regenerate our towns and high streets most in need of support, creating places that people want to live, work and visit.

Michael Ellis, Minister for Arts, Heritage and Tourism

We are delighted to have secured £40 million to work with partners to find new ways to champion and revive our historic high streets. We know that people value their high streets and town centres as spaces where they can meet and feel a sense of communal ownership and belonging. These places tell fascinating stories of how our towns and cities grew and of our shared history. Yet we clearly cannot under-estimate the scale of the challenge with empty shops and the significant shift in retail trends, and the impact that it is having in communities up and down the country. Our experience and track record, combined with the knowledge and passion of local councils, businesses and community groups, will help revive the streets which form the hearts of our historic towns.

Duncan Wilson, Chief Executive of Historic England

Cultural programmes and capital works will begin in 2020, with projects completing by the end of 2023. It is estimated that through the scheme, between 40 and 60 historic high streets will benefit.

Stoke-on-Trent City Council

Bottle oven festival marks launch of Stoke-on-Trent Ceramic Heritage Action Zone

16th May 2018

An eight-week festival has been organised to mark the 40th anniversary of the last bottle oven firing in Stoke-on-Trent.

The Festival of Bottle Ovens will be the first major activity of the Stoke-on-Trent Ceramic Heritage Action Zone (HAZ), which was officially launched today (May 16).

Throughout August and September, Longton's Gladstone Pottery Museum will celebrate the city's rich bottle oven heritage through exhibitions, events and films – as well as opportunities to meet the team who took part in the last ever firing back in August 1978.

Stoke-on-Trent was among only eight areas nationally – and two in the whole of the Midlands – to be announced as HAZs by Historic England in December. The five-year scheme, led by Stoke-on-Trent City Council and Historic England, aims to revive Longton, its historic buildings and give a fresh focus on the future of the city's iconic pot banks. As well as the Bottle Oven Festival, the HAZ programme will see:

- Longton receive a boost of up to £4 million through investment by the city council (up to £2.4m), Historic England (£900k) and the private sector
- Longton Town Hall refurbished with city council staff moving in once the work is complete, boosting footfall in the town
- a HAZ officer recruited and appointed whose job will be to oversee the project during its five-year lifespan, and to seek further funding opportunities
- an archaeological dig in Longton to examine the site of 19th-century workers' housing
- work to repair and refurbish the main entrance to Gladstone Pottery Museum
- a collaboration with students at Staffordshire and Keele Universities, who will use state-of-the-art equipment to survey the condition of the city's remaining 48 listed bottle ovens and document them in 3D for generations to come
- the physical connection improved between Gladstone Pottery Museum and Longton town centre to enhance the links between the two.
- the possibility of applying to Historic England for a Longton PSiCA (Partnership Schemes in Conservation Areas) in the future, which would provide funding for the preservation and enhancement of the conservation area

Councillor Daniel Jellyman, cabinet member for regeneration, transport and heritage, said: "We were delighted to be awarded Heritage Action Zone status by Historic England following a successful bid and the exciting work starts now for Longton.

We're committed to supporting all six towns of Stoke-on-Trent and a big part of this scheme will involve bringing the town hall back to life by refurbishing the building and moving council staff in, which will boost footfall in the town and support existing businesses.

To be one of only eight places across the country to receive HAZ status in the latest round is really encouraging and gives us all a unique opportunity to breathe new life into some of the town's historic buildings, while supporting and enhancing the existing cultural offer.

The bottle oven festival has been organised by volunteers at Gladstone Pottery Museum. Paul Niblett, who is part of the team organising the event, said: "It's 40 years since young enthusiasts of Gladstone organised a small group of retired potters to demonstrate what coal-firing bottle ovens were all about. That elderly group were equally enthusiastic and, despite their advanced years, entered into the week's activities with zeal, dedication and pride.

Sadly, the potters are no longer with us. However, their legacy of skill and knowledge is with us: on film, in photographs and in audio-tape recordings. For those of us involved with the 1978 firing, we felt that it was time to celebrate this legacy, before we,

too, have passed on. The two-month anniversary is our tribute to the skills of the potters of the past and is an opportunity for today's generations to learn and appreciate what they have done.

There are now 18 Heritage Action Zones in villages, towns and cities across England. They have been identified by Historic England as places in need and where the historic environment can create economic growth and improve quality of life for people.

Longton developed rapidly in the early 1800s due to the expansion of local industries, notably pottery, coal and iron. The legacy of Longton's industrial past remains evident to the present day, as the town features the largest number of extant bottle ovens in the city. As with many of the surviving ovens across the city, some of Longton's examples are in a poor state of preservation having suffered years of neglect following their wholesale redundancy in the mid-20th century.

Veryan Heal, planning director for Historic England in the West Midlands, said:

We are thrilled to be working with the city council and other partners on this Heritage Action Zone in Longton, and indeed all the six towns. Stoke-on-Trent is a city rich in heritage. There is much to be done, and I am confident that we have the right plan, and the right partnership, to achieve great things in Stoke-on-Trent.

Historic England

Heritage Minister Announces Historic Places to Be Revived – and They're Concentrated in the North and Midlands

5 December 2017

John Glen, Minister for Arts, Heritage and Tourism, today announced in a speech the latest historic places that are set to be revived through the Heritage Action Zone scheme, which is run by Historic England. The towns and cities to receive support, concentrated in the North and the Midlands, include Grimsby, once the largest fishing port in the world, Rochdale, the birthplace of the modern co-operative movement and Stoke on Trent, home of the pottery industry.

Heritage Action Zones first came into being earlier this year – the nationwide scheme supports local authorities to unlock untapped potential in places that are rich in history and historic fabric to help them thrive, and improve quality of life for communities and businesses.

Activity in each Heritage Action Zone is based on local need, and ranges from bringing back into use neglected listed buildings as housing, retail or community spaces; improving conservation areas to kick start regeneration; and developing historic sites as visitor attractions.

The new eight Heritage Action Zones announced today are:

- Bishop Auckland, County Durham
- Dewsbury Living Market Town, West Yorkshire

- Greater Grimsby, Lincolnshire
- North Lowestoft Heritage Quarter, Suffolk
- Rochdale Town Centre, Greater Manchester
- Stockton and Darlington Railway, Tees Valley
- Stoke-on-Trent Ceramic, Staffordshire
- Walworth, London

This is the second wave of Heritage Action Zones. Work is already underway in ten Heritage Action Zones across England.

In each place, work is carried out over three to five years with Historic England working in partnership with local authorities through grant funding, training and skill-sharing. The public body has teams across the country that equip councils to spot heritage potential, restore neglected places and ensure new developments reflect local character and identity.

[Find out more about Heritage Action Zones](#)

Grimsby was once the largest fishing port the world has ever seen, at its peak in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Heritage Minister John Glen said:

Our heritage not only tells the story of our past, it creates great places to live, work and visit. The Heritage Action Zone scheme is designed to make the most out of the historic environment to kick-start regeneration, increase tourism and boost investment in our towns and cities.

Duncan Wilson, Chief Executive of Historic England, said:

Research shows that local history and heritage give people joy and create a sense of pride. Through the Heritage Action Zone scheme we want as many people as possible to feel good about the places where they live and work, and to use heritage as a catalyst to help interesting and beautiful towns and cities across England to thrive.

The scheme at the Stockton and Darlington Railway will help to restore some of the historic features along the 26-mile long line with the aim of boosting tourism and creating jobs. © Historic England Archive DP169016

Heritage Action Zone Summaries

The market town of Bishop Auckland sits in County Durham. This Heritage Action Zone aims to bring neglected buildings back into use to help rejuvenate the town centre. It will build on the considerable private investment going into Auckland Castle that will transform it into a faith, art and heritage destination, reinvigorating the town of Bishop Auckland and the wider area.

Dewsbury was the capital of textile recycling in Britain, collecting rags from across the world to recycle into new heavy woollen materials (Shoddy & Mungo). This mill town in Yorkshire is in transition with retail and commercial activity contracting and housing opportunities emerging. The Heritage Action Zone aims to help drive regeneration of

the town centre by: improving the condition and appearance of key buildings within the conservation area 'at risk'; introducing new activity through re-use of vacant buildings and sites and; improving public spaces within the town centre.

Grimsby was once the largest fishing port the world has ever seen, at its peak in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The Kasbah area, built in Victorian times, contains the largest collection of fishing related buildings found anywhere in the country, but it's in poor condition following lack of investment after the industry's decline. North East Lincolnshire Council - with Historic England's support - aims to conserve Grimsby's fishing heritage, which has been a priority for several years, and has intensified following the controversial demolition of buildings on Fish Dock Road. North East Lincolnshire Council has also recently designated the Kasbah as a Conservation Area with support from the owner Associated British Ports.

The North Lowestoft Heritage Action Zone includes some of the oldest parts of this town in Suffolk. This was originally the main medieval settlement, grown around the fishing industry, with merchants' housing and shops including net stores. The area is home to a number of historic buildings, the oldest dating back to the 15th century. The key aims of the five year scheme are to restore the old High Street's historic character for the people who live there and to boost tourism. Work will include providing quality spaces for the community, re-connecting the old town to modern Lowestoft, and bringing under-used and vacant land and property back into use for housing and retail.

The aims of the Rochdale Town Centre Heritage Action Zone include regenerating a key gateway into the town centre, removing the Conservation Area from the 'at risk' register, raising awareness of Rochdale's cooperative heritage, increasing affordable residential schemes, and bringing empty properties back into use. As a result it is hoped that the image of Rochdale will be transformed, increasing confidence and helping to kick-start residential and commercial ventures.

The Stockton and Darlington Railway, 26 miles long, operated in the North East from 1825 to 1863 and was the world's first public railway to use steam locomotives. This Heritage Action Zone scheme aims to refurbish heritage features, like bridges and old railway buildings, along the 26 mile route in order to attract new visitors and boost the local economy for the railway's bicentenary in 2025.

In Stoke-on-Trent, home of the pottery industry, the focus will be on regenerating Longton High Street, enhancing the local housing offer and protecting surviving bottle kilns throughout the city - looking ahead to the 2021 City of Culture bid. This Heritage Action Zone scheme will also seek to engage the community to encourage participation in heritage-based activities, and strengthen relationships with the two local universities.

This Heritage Action Zone aims to rediscover and celebrate Walworth in London as a historic urban village. Key activities will include making

improvements to the public realm, and supporting diverse local communities to better understand and enjoy their heritage. It will also support the sustainable delivery of very significant amounts of housing by protecting and celebrating local character and history.

Historic England

£6m National Heritage Drive to Bring Economic Growth across England

20 March 2017

- From one of the great seaside towns of the 19th century in Kent and a West Midlands town centre rebuilt after the Blitz, to a Cumbrian town rising from the floods, Historic England announces first wave of places to receive crucial backing
- 'Will help attract more tourists, reinvigorate local areas and grow local economies' says Heritage Minister
- Project will support and be delivered in partnership with local authorities
- [Heritage Action Zones](#) welcomed by VisitEngland

A £6m nationwide project has been launched to unlock untapped potential in areas that are rich in heritage, bringing historic places back to life to attract residents, tourists, businesses and investors, and create economic growth in villages, towns and cities across England.

Historic England has announced the first ten places to receive funding over the next three-to-five years. Through the drive, listed buildings that have been neglected will be restored and brought back into use as housing, retail or community spaces; conservation areas improved to kick start regeneration; and historic sites developed as visitor attractions.

The Heritage Action Zones are in:

- [Appleby](#)
- [Coventry](#)
- [Elsecar](#)
- [Hull Old Town](#)
- [King's Lynn](#)
- [Nottingham](#)
- [Ramsgate](#)
- [Sunderland](#)
- [Sutton](#)
- [Weston-super-Mare](#)

The project will see Historic England support local authorities through grant funding, training and sharing skills. For example, the public body

will equip councils to spot heritage potential, restore neglected places and ensure new developments reflect local character and identity.

Heritage Action Zones are included in [The Culture White Paper](#) which was published last year.

Heritage Minister Tracey Crouch said:

Our heritage and historic buildings are beautiful assets that make our towns and cities unique. They tell the story of a town's past and should be protected and cherished, and this scheme will bring communities together to appreciate their local heritage. Making the most out of our listed buildings will help attract more tourists, reinvigorate local areas, and grow local economies, meaning residents and businesses across the country will benefit.

Duncan Wilson, Chief Executive of Historic England, said:

Through Heritage Action Zones we are providing help where it's needed most. England's rich heritage is one of our greatest capital assets and it's time to use it to bring about positive change in our communities. The historic environment offers people a sense of place, a sense of pride and a sense of belonging - and it helps millions earn a living in this country. Everyone should have a share in its potential.

VisitEngland Chief Executive Sally Balcombe said:

Historical locations are a strong pull for domestic and international visitors encouraging them to explore more of our cities and regions. This welcome investment will bring back to life historic places in towns and villages spreading economic growth through tourism across England.

Historic England plans to award Heritage Action Zone status to more towns, cities and villages over the next two years. Applications will open again in May 2017. Visit historicengland.org.uk/heritageactionzones

Facts and figures

- The most recent data from the [British Retail Consortium](#) reveals a shop vacancy rate of 9.4 per cent, which has remained stable since 2015. But the trade association says that in some parts of the country the number of empty shops remains worryingly high - a blot on the landscape of local communities.
- Online shopping sales continue to grow year-on-year, according to the [Office for National Statistics](#). In January 2017 the average weekly spend online was £1billion; an increase of 10.1% compared with January 2016.
- Britain is experiencing a housing shortage. According to the Government's recent [Housing White Paper](#), between 225,000 and 275,000 more homes are now needed per year to keep up with population growth and tackle years of under supply. Since the 1970s, 160,000 new homes have been supplied each year in England. Historic buildings should not be overlooked, when they can be converted into high-quality housing.

- Recent data from the [Office for National Statistics](#) shows that numbers of overseas visitors reached a record high in 2016 with 37.3million visits.
- [Research](#) shows that eight million holidaymakers are planning a 'staycation' in the UK this summer.

Heritage Action Zones

Appleby Heritage Action Zone in Cumbria will focus on boosting tourism following the devastating winter floods of 2015/16. To help the town's economy to recover, there are plans to repair important listed buildings such as the Keep at Appleby Castle. The town will also attract visitors through the creation of heritage trails and taking part in initiatives such as Heritage Open Days.

Coventry Heritage Action Zone in the West Midlands will help tackle issues around education, jobs, health and housing. Projects include potentially registering the city centre, making it one of only a handful post-war conservation areas in the country, and providing grants to improve historic buildings and shop fronts in Lady Herbert's Garden and the Burges conservation area, eventually removing it from the Heritage at Risk Register.

Elsecar Heritage Action Zone in South Yorkshire aims to unlock Elsecar's heritage, not just its industrial past with its ironworks and collieries, but the story of the village, its community and links to the Fitzwilliam family. The plan is to bring historic buildings back into use, identify suitable sites for new housing and encourage local people to get involved in the village's development.

Hull Heritage Action Zone in East Yorkshire aims to bring Hull's Old Town back to life by: Helping to find new uses for historic buildings; providing support, funding and guidance to developers to improve the provision of housing and create new residential units; and improve pedestrian access to the waterfront, city centre and museum quarter. Hull has been crowned the 'UK City of Culture 2017' but the Old Town is home to 40% of Hull's listed buildings and parts of it are at risk of being left behind.

King's Lynn Heritage Action Zone in North Norfolk will help kick-start economic growth by delivering new homes and jobs. Investment will be encouraged into the town centre and historic riverfront. It will also address an acute housing shortage by building new homes on former industrial land, while ensuring the character of King's Lynn's existing historic architecture is protected.

Nottingham Heritage Action Zone in Nottinghamshire will breathe new life into the town's vulnerable historic buildings and sites. Local people, school children and visitors alike will be encouraged to get involved in caring for and enjoying the city's heritage, for example, there are plans to open up Nottingham's hidden caves.

Ramsgate Heritage Action Zone in Kent aims to bring this declining seaside town back to life by repairing and conserving listed buildings, increasing demand for skilled workers and creating apprenticeships for

local people. Georgian and Victorian buildings around the (country's only) Royal Harbour and in the Newington area, which was built for miners, will be brought back into use. The town will also seek to attract visitors by improving the site around the harbour.

Sunderland Heritage Action Zone in Tyne and Wear focuses on the Old Town and reconnecting it with the city centre. The aim is to extend the prosperity of the city centre outwards to the waterfront and on to the port. It will do this by finding new uses for historic buildings along the high street, restoring 'at risk' vacant listed buildings and improving the appeal of the area, to attract new businesses and create jobs.

Sutton Heritage Action Zone in South London aims to remove Sutton High Street from the 'at risk' Register. Sutton is on the verge of significant change as one of the 11 centres identified in the London Plan as an area for growth. It is already the fourth-largest hub in South London with 25,000 people visiting each day. Some 50 sites are going to be redeveloped which will include more than 5,000 new homes. The main objective is to preserve the character of Sutton by investing in and repairing historic buildings and reinstating traditional details of characterful buildings. New guidance and management policies will help to ensure that heritage is at the heart of new developments.

Weston-super-Mare Heritage Action Zone in North Somerset will focus on supporting the on-going regeneration of the town's centre - home to many Victorian, inter-war and post-war buildings. Plans include bringing buildings back into use as quality housing, developing clear heritage routes within the town centre to enhance existing trails through the town to the beach and train station, and opening up new pedestrian access to Weston Museum, the town square and the seafront.

4. Parliamentary Questions

[Cultural Heritage](#)

Asked by: Goodman, Helen

To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, if he will publish the Heritage Action Zones designated by Heritage Lottery Fund in each constituency since 2010.

Answering member: Michael Ellis | Department: Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

Heritage Action Zones are a Historic England initiative. The scheme was a commitment in the Culture White Paper and has run since 2017, with ten Heritage Action Zones designated to date. These are in Appleby, Coventry, Elsecar, Hull, King's Lynn, Nottingham, Ramsgate, Sunderland, Sutton and Weston-super-Mare. A further eight Heritage Action Zones are in development now.

The Heritage Action Zones scheme aims to unleash the power in England's historic environment to create economic growth and improve quality of life in villages, towns and cities.

HC Deb 16 April 2018 | PQ 134617

[Conservation Areas](#)

Asked by: Lord Patten

To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of Historic England's announcement that it now lists 512 conservation areas in its Heritage at Risk Register.

Answering member: Lord Ashton of Hyde | Department: Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

The findings of the 2017 Heritage at Risk survey indicate that, since figures were first collated in 2010, the number of the 8000+ conservation areas in England considered to be 'at risk' has declined from 549 to 512. Historic England is looking to build on these improvements by working with local authorities and other partners to target grant aid through its Partnership Scheme in Conservation Areas programme, and by investing in ten Heritage Action Zones. The Heritage Lottery Fund is also continuing to invest in the enhancement of conservation areas through its Townscape Heritage grant scheme.

HC Deb 16 November 2017 | PQ HL2952

5. Useful links and further reading

Historic England *Breathe New Life Into an Old Place - Make It a Heritage Action Zone*

<https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/heritage-action-zones/breathe-new-life-into-old-places-through-heritage-action-zones/>

Historic England *Heritage Action Zone Explanatory Notes and Guidance*

<https://content.historicengland.org.uk/content/docs/haz/haz-explanatory-notes-guidance-may17.pdf>

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