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# REDISCOVERING THE UNDERBANKS

*Quarterly newsletter - Spring Edition*



## NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND STAGE 2 BID SUCCESSFUL

*£1.8million towards area improvements*

You may recall that in September 2018, the Council submitted a successful Stage 2 application to draw down funding for the 'Rediscovering the Underbanks' Townscape Heritage project. Following this, we are very pleased to announce that we've received formal 'Permission to Start' from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, meaning the project can now formally commence. Thank you for your patience and help so far. We look forward to working with you all to transform the Underbanks and bring new life into the area.



## ART IN THE UNDERBANKS

*Fish Sculpture in 35 Little  
Underbank*

We are continuing to work with a number of artists to animate the street and in particular, empty shop units and shutters. We hope this will bring more visitors into the area and help up and coming artists. We are grateful to artist, Liam Hopkins, for showcasing his fish sculpture in number 35 Little Underbank.



## LAUNCH EVENT!

*Come and join us to find out more*

To mark the occasion we will be holding a launch event in May (more information to follow) for all business owners and residents in the Underbanks. We encourage you all to attend to find out more about available grants and the events taking place over the next 5 years. There will also be opportunity to meet the staff running the project and specialists in Heritage refurbishment. We would love to hear your views and to exchange ideas on how you may be able to help out with events and activities.



## HERITAGE OPEN DAY

### *What a success!*

Thank you for all of your help and support in making the September 2018 Heritage Open Day event such a success, despite the very wet weather! We will be planning another event in September 2019 to coincide with the National Heritage Open Day programme, and we hope to make it even bigger and better than the last one. This year's theme will be 'People Power' and we would like to hear any ideas that you may have for the day. For more information please visit:

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>



## REDISCOVERING THE UNDERBANKS WEBSITE

### *Keeping you updated*

The new website for the project will launch shortly. This is where you'll find information on upcoming events, new developments, and guidance on making applications for funding. Another key aim of the website is to encourage people to visit the area, to discover its unique character and to learn about its fascinating heritage.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### *Other things going on in the area*

Stockport Heritage Trust are pleased to announce that they have leased the Old Dungeon on Mealhouse Brow and will open it up to visitors on key dates. We will be working with the Trust, and with community organisations, schools and colleges, over the next 5 years to deliver an exciting programme of events.

There were a number of new business openings in the area in 2018, including the Print Room Café and Laco bistro. The Produce Hall in the Market Place will be opening its doors to an exciting new food offer at the end of March 2019.

Manchester based Kelsall architects will also be relocating to the Underbanks and are the new proud owners of 13 Little Underbank. They have exciting plans for the listed building, bringing forward a new chapter in its history.

You may have noticed work on the refurbishment of the White Lion has been progressing throughout 2018, and we look forward to this work finishing in summer 2019.

