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# REDISCOVERING THE UNDERBANKS

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## NEW TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE MANAGER

*Peter Haymes*

Stockport Council has appointed Peter Haymes as the new Townscape Heritage Manager for the Underbanks. Peter will be the main point of contact for building work and heritage in the Underbanks and will be managing the five year Townscape Heritage Scheme. Peter has a background in regeneration and will be working with property owners in applying for and (hopefully) securing grant.

If you haven't already met Peter, he will be sure to pop in and introduce himself in the coming weeks. Peter can be contacted directly at [peter.haymes@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:peter.haymes@stockport.gov.uk).



## REPAIR AND RESTORATION WORKS HAVE BEGUN!

*30-32 Little Underbank*

The first scheme to be successful in securing National Lottery Heritage Funding Grant began work earlier this year to repair and reinstate 30-32 Little Underbank. The works so far have included replacement of new sash windows and bringing the first and second floor into use for a three bed apartment. Scheduled works will include the replacement of both shop fronts and painting of the side elevation.

If you are interested in investing in your property, you may be eligible for grant support. Please get in touch by filling in the contact form on our website: [www.rediscoveringtheunderbanks.co.uk](http://www.rediscoveringtheunderbanks.co.uk)





## PUBLIC REALM WORKS

### *Scheduled works to improve the area*

As part of the Townscape Heritage scheme and Town Centre Access Plan, we are developing phased improvement works to the road along Little Underbank and part of Lower Hillgate. The works will involve structural repair of the road, pavement resurfacing, improved drainage and new lighting. You may have seen trial pits taking place, this is to ascertain whether any services require upgrading. We expect the works will commence in early 2020 and will liaise with local businesses in advance to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please get in touch by emailing [TownCentreAccess@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:TownCentreAccess@stockport.gov.uk)



## UNDERBANKS CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

### *Lets get festive!*

The Underbanks independent light switch on has been scheduled for the 23rd November at 6pm which will light up the historic street. There will be a Christmas tree at the bottom of Mealhouse Brow along with an ice sculpture as part of the Ice Sculpture Trail.

There will be a number of other exciting events taking place around the town centre in the run up to Christmas from Christmas Markets to the Christmas Ghost Walk. Visit [www.StockportChristmas.co.uk](http://www.StockportChristmas.co.uk) to find out more.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

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

There have been a number of new openings in the area over the last 12 months, including Norah clothing store, Tramp hairdressers, Cariad's cakes, All Night Records and The Cracked Actor. They each bring a unique offering to the area.

Work on the White Lion is due to be complete at the end of 2019. This includes a space for a food and beverage opportunity on the ground floor and 11 apartments above.

Donald Insall Associates have been appointed as part of a design team to progress proposals for the restoration of Winters (23-27 Little Underbank). Survey works are underway which will inform the next stage of the design and submission of the listed building consent application.

I'm sure you noticed the frogs that were installed around the town as part of the 'Giant Leap Forward' project in the summer. The frogs have now been auctioned and a fantastic £31,000 has been raised and donated to Stepping Hill's Tree House Department. More information can be found on Marketing Stockport's News pages: [www.marketingstockport.co.uk/news](http://www.marketingstockport.co.uk/news).

We hope you have a great Christmas!

