

Discovering the Underbanks

Newsletter

Summer 2018

HLF Stage 2 Bid Submitted!

We are pleased to announce that the Stage 2 application to draw down funding for 'Rediscovering the Underbanks' Townscape Heritage was submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) on 14th June. This will be considered by their National Board and an announcement is expected in September 2018. Thank you for all **your help and support to date.**



What Next?

When the final decision is made in September we will be required to agree a number of formalities with the HLF, prepare the relevant forms and contracts before we are given the go ahead with an official **Permission to Start!** We aim to have a launch event to mark the occasion and will be in touch to let you know when this will be nearer the time. Please don't hesitate to contact Jackie Whelan, the Townscape Heritage Manager in the meantime regarding funding and investment plans for properties in the area.



Heritage Open Day – Here's how you can get involved!

Planning is underway with the Stockport Heritage Trust for this year's Heritage Open Day which will be bigger and better. And it's hoped the Edwardian themed event on **Saturday 8th September 2018** will bring visitors flocking to the Underbanks. <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>

We'd like to hear any ideas you have for the day. Stockport Ukulele Players are pleased to be part of the event again and also have interest from a charity steel drum band. But we also are looking for other activities such as family craft making activities, heritage trails, stalls as well as historic window dressing. Contact the Townscape Heritage Manager below with your ideas and if you would like to be involved.



Student Work

We have been working with Stockport College Illustration Students on a project called 'Untold Tales'! They have produced wonderful illustrations and models of their chosen shop unit back in time and presented their own tales of its heritage. They will be showcasing the work on Heritage Open Day. We are planning to continue this great work displaying some of the brilliant artwork in shop units over the coming months.



Discovering the Underbanks Website

To keep you informed of events, new developments and encourage the visits to the area as well as guidance on funding we are developing a website for the project. We want to make sure you are featured properly on the site so please do let us know about any social media you use and any links we could include on the website. In the meantime there is information of the project on www.stockport.gov.uk.



News in Brief.

The refurbishment of the White Lion has started in earnest, a new floor has been inserted and external repairs commenced. Expert craftsmen have taken the windows to their workshop where they will be restored. The conversion of the upper floors will create 11 apartments whilst the ground floor and basement are to be retained as a food and drink establishment. The restoration of this prominent building is set to complete Spring 2019.

Council staff are also progressing discussions to secure an exciting new offer for the former Winters building in Little Underbank.



If you have any queries, please contact UnderbanksTH@stockport.gov.uk

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