

Hidden

Ninth Edition

Welcome to the ninth edition of the Historic Quarter newsletter with updates and upcoming events as part of Middlesbrough's High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ).

This edition has a focus on the public spaces in the HSHAZ, including Exchange Square through a programme called #YourPublicRealm

Find out more by visiting the exhibition at The Masham and get involved with an events programme over the next couple of weeks exploring the development of public space in the HSHAZ. Be inspired by creative commissions with local artists as part of a creative consultation carried out over the last three months.

As ever, we encourage you to **get involved, find out more** and **be inspired**.



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Get Involved.

#YourPublicRealm workshops, talks and activities

The Masham, 27 Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 1RL



Reimagine Your Neighbourhood

Thursday 9th February 11am-4pm

Drop in event. Everyone Welcome.

Refreshments provided.

Navigator North working with Freestyle and Urban Rebirth invite you to join us for a one-day event that explores how Brunswick street and surrounding public realm could be transformed using creative, low-cost interventions. Part of the #YourPublicRealm programme with Middlesbrough Council and Historic England's High Street Heritage Action Zone.

Come along to this drop in event to contribute your ideas and aspirations for Brunswick Street using a variety of creative activities and tools to explore how small scale interventions could be used to transform the space.



Zine Workshop

Thursday 16th February,

11.00am - 12.30 noon and 1.30 -3.00pm

Booking essential. Free to attend.

Refreshments, materials and support provided.

Public spaces are constantly changing - Exchange Square in Middlesbrough is no exception! Come along to find out more about Exchange Square's past and present and imagine its future by making your own mini-magazine.



Public Art in Middlesbrough's Historic Quarter

Saturday 18th February, 1 - 3pm

Exchange Square / The Masham

Booking essential. Free to attend.

Suitable footwear and outdoor clothing advisable.

Join Vicky Holbrough from Navigator North and James Beighton from Tees Valley Arts to explore public art in Middlesbrough's Historic Quarter. The event will include a walk around Exchange Square, Zetland Road and Middlesbrough Railway Station looking at past and more recent commissions including those through Celebrating Hidden Middlesbrough and The Tunnel Gallery.

Following the walk, refreshments and further conversations will take place at The Masham.

To book your place on the above workshops, head to www.historicquarter.co.uk/get-involved

Find out more.



#YourPublicRealm

2nd - 18th February 2023

Thursday, Friday and Saturdays 11am-4pm

The Masham, 27 Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough TS1 1RL

Free entry, all welcome

A public exhibition with a display about the long-term development of public spaces in Middlesbrough's High Street Heritage Action Zone. It brings together Navigator North's recent creative public consultation, on behalf of Middlesbrough Council, on areas including Exchange Square following demolition of the SLAM building, and Zetland Road, where plans are already shaping up for its redevelopment.

#YourPublicRealm asks how we create safe and vibrant public spaces that more people want to use, and how do art, culture and heritage feature in the design and creation of these spaces? We believe that different voices should be heard and valued, with any development to be informed by the whole community.

Councillor Stephen Hill, Middlesbrough Council's Executive member for Culture & Communities, said: "The High Street Heritage Action Zone is both a key gateway to Middlesbrough, and the focal point of the town's Historic Quarter which is taking on a whole new lease of life. The views of local people are playing a key role in revitalising these important areas, and will help to ensure they reflect the boundless ambition and aspiration we have for the future of our town. I'd urge as many people as possible to drop in to see the exhibition at The Masham - great things are happening and everyone has a part to play."

Be Inspired.

Creative commissions with local artists

As a creative consultation #YourPublicRealm started in November 2022 with a pop-up exhibition and research lab based in Zetland Buildings in Exchange Square, inviting the public to have their say and gathering responses through sound, film and performance art.

In December and January focused outreach sessions took place with students from Middlesbrough College, Northern School of Art and a local elders' group to explore what these spaces might become. Local people and businesses were invited to talks about urban design and the town's development from landscape architects, Historic England and Middlesbrough Council, and were invited to share their thoughts on how these key areas of public realm could look and feel in the future.



With the aim of activating underutilised space and building a sense of pride and ownership in the town, the project has employed archive material, contemporary art and heritage knowledge to engage with a wide range of people. Comments boxes hosted by local businesses and venues invited residents, visitors and other stakeholders to have their say on shaping public space, and regional artists including Dyad, The Word Collective and photographer Rachel Deakin have also been commissioned to create new works to offer an alternative perspective to these questions.

Feedback gathered during Navigator North's public consultation will feed into a concept design for the former SLAM area, under the A66, led by landscape architects ONE-Environments.

In the short-term, subject to approval of their planning application, STACK Developments propose to site a food and drink hub under the flyover next to Exchange Square which is open on Middlesbrough Council planning portal for public comments.

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