



St Margaret's Townscape Heritage Initiative

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King's Lynn &
West Norfolk



Covering the historic shopping streets of Tower Street, St James' Street, Saturday Market Place and High Street (south)

TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE NEWS

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Welcome to the first issue of Townscape Heritage News!

It's an exciting time for the St Margaret's Conservation area. The Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk has secured a £1 million Heritage Lottery Fund grant, which together with a further £1 million invested by the Borough Council, will be used to deliver the 5-year Townscape Heritage Initiative - a project that will help to restore, conserve and enhance this area of the town.

Cllr Alistair Beales, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, said: "This is fantastic news. The historic fabric of this area of King's Lynn is not only important aesthetically, but culturally and economically too. This funding, alongside the £1 million invested by the Borough Council, will breathe new life into the area and help to showcase King's Lynn's impressive heritage."

This bi-annual newsletter is designed to help keep residents and businesses informed and up to date. Further information can be found at www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/heritagenews



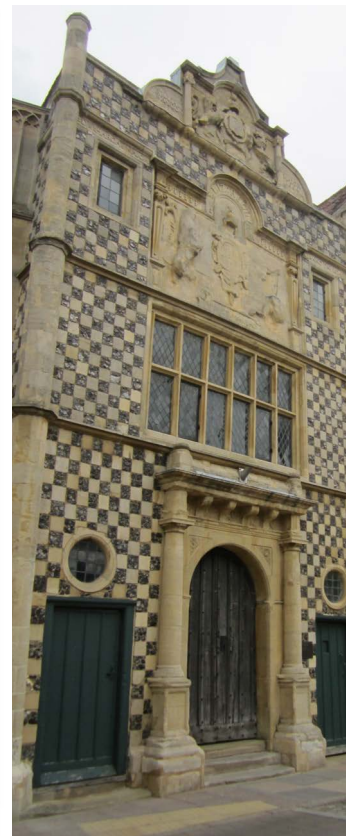
Owners and leaseholders of eligible properties, you are invited to a*

— LAUNCH EVENT —
**Thursday 11th September 2014,
7pm in the Town Hall,
(Stone Hall & Assembly Room)**

There will be presentations explaining the scheme and information on how to apply for grants, as well as an opportunity to ask questions and discuss individual project ideas informally with the Project Officer and conservation staff.

Light refreshments will be available and you will be able to pick up a THI Grant Application Pack. We hope as many owners as possible will come along.

**(see list on page 4)*



£2m boost for historic heart of Lynn

This project seeks to transform the townscape of the St Margaret's Conservation Area by making grants available to property owners and lease holders to make improvements to buildings, and support community activities that encourage people to enjoy this important part of the town.

Over £1.5million of the £2m fund, will be available for property owners (and leaseholders with more than 10 years to run on the lease) to apply for grants to make authentic restorations and repairs or carry out works that bring properties back into use.

Properties which are in critical need of repair or enhancements and which have a significant impact on the character of the area will be given priority, but all the properties listed on the back of this newsletter are potentially eligible for grant.

In general, the following types of work can be funded, and grant rates are generous:

External repairs to historic buildings in use	75% grants
Reinstatement of authentic historic features (such as shopfronts, railings, decorative carving and tiling)	85% grants
Works to bring empty historic property back into use	Grants individually assessed

All works have to be carried out to conservation standards, using traditional materials and techniques. Where works would normally require Planning Permission and/or Listed Building Consent, these will still be required, and guidance will be available to help you through the process. No works will be funded retrospectively.

Grant application packs will soon be ready to download from the Council website www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/heritagenews or by calling 01553 616892.



Saturday Market Place

One of the first things you will notice happening in the area will be the start of works to improve the Saturday Market Place. Scheduled to begin on 18 August, around 10% of the £640,000 cost of the scheme will come from Norfolk County Council and 20% from THI funds, while the majority will be funded jointly by the Borough Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund as part of the 'Stories of Lynn' project, which will restore the Town Hall complex and improve access to its amazing collections over the next couple of years.

The scheme will help to enhance the area, helping to showcase the magnificent heritage which surrounds it whilst making it more suitable for modern use. The one-way traffic system on Queen Street will be extended through the market place, and the number of parking spaces reduced, allowing the road to be narrowed and the pavements in front of the shops and restaurants to be widened, so that businesses along this frontage can have tables outside when the weather is good. Quality materials, such as York stone will be extensively used and historic cobbling will be retained around the walls of the Minster.



An artist's impression of what the resurfaced Saturday Market Place will look like



The area around the Minster is where the town was founded way back in 1095 by Bishop Herbert de Losinga. Known then as Bishop's Lynn, the area between Saturday Market Place and All Saints Church (now surrounded by Hillington Square) was the first part of the town to be developed. St Margaret's Church (now the Minster) was founded along with its priory in 1101 and the town continued to develop to the north very rapidly during the first half of the 12th century. Amazingly, some of the 14th century priory buildings survived Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries in the mid-1530s. Now converted to attractive dwellings at 12-20 Priory Lane, you can still see these architectural gems. Take a look next time you are there - the backs of these buildings can be seen from the Minster churchyard.

Activities coming up this Autumn....

Alongside the grant scheme to repair the buildings, the THI funds will also support some training opportunities for young people and community events in the area. The first of these will be taking place soon.

During the autumn a group of media students from the College of West Anglia will be making a film to showcase the area's important heritage. They will be accompanied by an historic buildings expert (whom you might recognise from TV). Further details will be available on the Borough Council's website soon (www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/heritageneews)

In October, experts from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) and English Heritage will be working with students from the College of West Anglia in a series of taster sessions.

During the sessions, students will be taught how to recognise different construction techniques and deal with defects. They will learn about handmade bricks, lime mortars, leadwork and traditional joinery.



Greyfriars' Arts Festival - Sunday 17th August

If we have sparked your interest in the THI scheme, and you want to find out more, come along to the Greyfriars' Arts Festival in the gardens around Greyfriars' Tower, on Sunday 17th August, between 12 and 5pm, where we will have a stall. Come and chat to the Project Officer, ask any questions you may have and find out about the activities we are planning. We look forward to seeing you there!

List of buildings eligible for THI grants:

107 High St	1 St James St	28 St James St	13 Tower St
108 High St	2 St James St	29 St James St	14 Tower St
111 High St	3-5 St James St	30 St James St	16 Tower St
112-113 High St	4 St James St	31 St James St	18 Tower St
114 High St	6 St James St	32-38 St James St	20 Tower St
119 High St	7 St James St (RAOB club)	33-39 St James St	21 Tower St
120 High St	8 St James St	Theatre Royal	22 Tower St
121 High St	9-11 St James St	41 St James St	23-27 Tower St
122 High St	10-12 St James St	43 St James St	24 Tower St
1 High St	14 St James St	45 St James St	26 Tower St
2 High St	15 St James St	47 St James St	28 Tower St
3 High St	16 St James St	49 St James St	29 Tower St (Whincop Hse)
4 High St	17 St James St	51-55 St James St	30 Tower St (rear boundaries only)
1 Saturday Mkt Pl	18 St James St	1-3 Tower St	30A Tower St (rear boundaries only)
2 Saturday Mkt Pl	19 St James St	4A Tower St	31 Tower St
3 Saturday Mkt Pl	20 St James St	5 Tower St	32 Tower St
4 Saturday Mkt Pl	21 St James St	6 Tower St	34 Tower St
5 Saturday Mkt Pl	22 St James St	7 Tower St	36 Tower St
6 Saturday Mkt Pl	23 St James St	8 Tower St	Majestic Cinema
7 Saturday Mkt Pl	24 St James St	9 Tower St	6 Blackfriars St
8-10 Saturday Mkt Pl (Wenn's)	25 St James St	10 Tower St	8 Blackfriars St
11 Saturday Mkt Pl	26 St James St	11 Tower St	10 Blackfriars St
Greyfriars Chambers, St James Sreet	27 St James St	12 Tower St	



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