

2025 Group Newsletter



What Can We Update You On This Month.

Hello
My name is Jose Stewart and I am the 2025 Group Town Centre Ambassador for Grimsby.

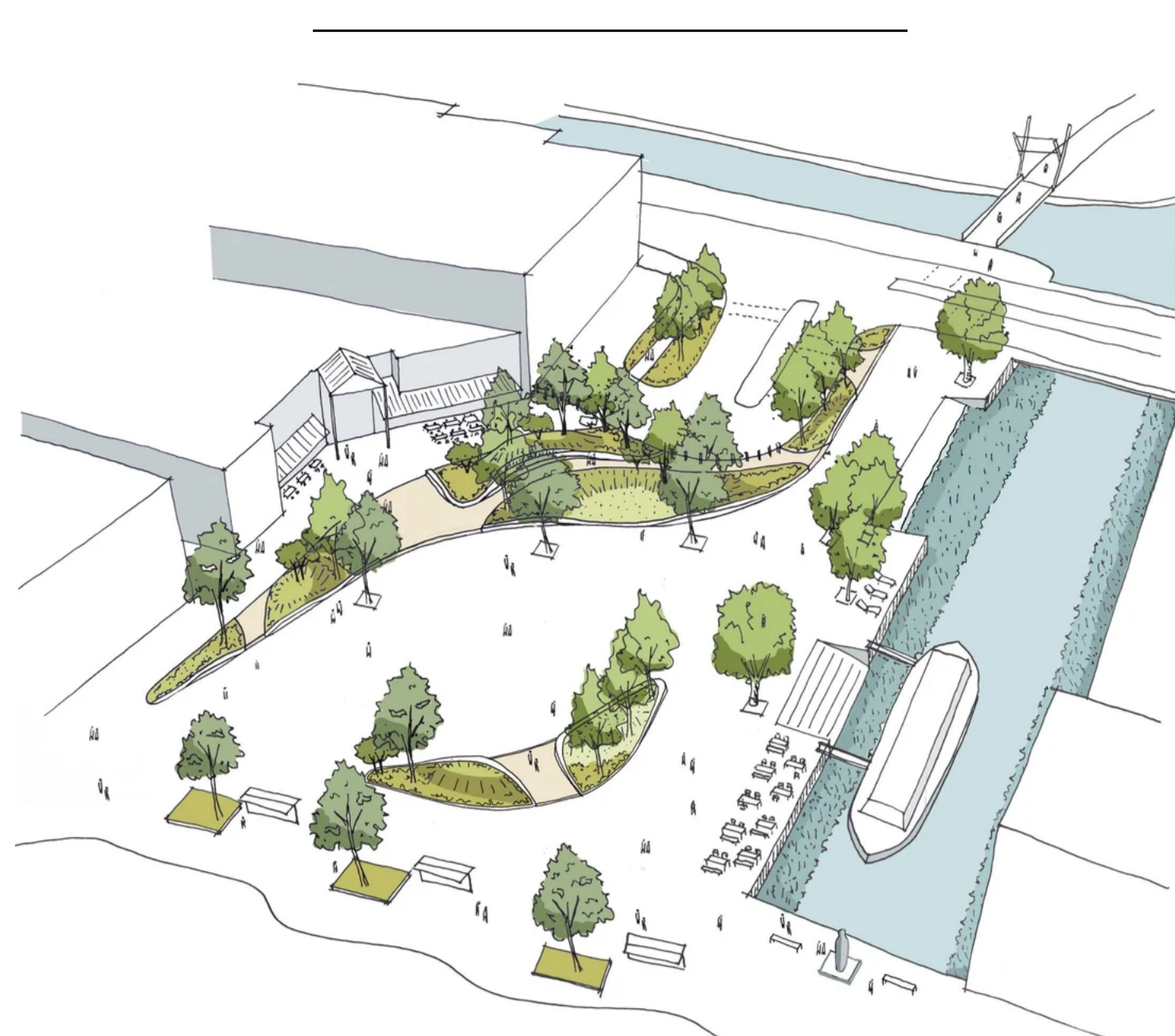


This newsletter informs you of all town centre regeneration updates and good news stories.

So, take a moment, grab a coffee, and give our January newsletter a read.

Kind Regards

Jose Stewart
Town Centre Ambassador



Understanding Grant Funding and the Transformation of Riverhead Square.

I'd like to shed light on the funding behind the transformative projects in our town centre, especially focusing on the recent comments regarding Riverhead Square.

Recently, we updated our followers about the anticipated completion of Riverhead Square by the end of February. One response raised a concern: "more money wasted by the council, when this taxpayers' money could be used for more important things."

Let's clarify this. The funds for Riverhead Square's regeneration are sourced from the Town Deal, secured in 2020. This funding is specifically allocated for designated projects in the town centre and cannot be arbitrarily redirected.

Securing government funding grants is a challenging process, involving extensive work and meticulous planning. Successful applications mean the grant must be exclusively used for the proposed project. In this case, for the enhancement of our town centre.

Our community voiced their desire for a more pleasant, inviting area by the river in surveys conducted by North East Lincolnshire Council (NELC). The completion of Riverhead Square is a direct response to this feedback, aiming to enrich our town's aesthetic and social fabric.

At the 2025 Group, we believe in transparency and education. It's vital our community understands the nuances of funding and how it directly impacts the development of our town.

Moreover, the 2025 Group provides a platform for you to voice your opinions on how town centre funding should be utilized. While not all ideas may be feasible, your input is invaluable, and many suggestions do shape our projects.

Our next event in February will give you chance to get involved and have your say and share your ideas.

Click on the link below to book your place.

[Book Here](#)



What Is The 2025 Group?

The 2025 Group is a project set up by Grimsby Retailers in Partnership CIC. The "2025 Group" the group is funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. (UKSPF) is a central pillar of the UK government's ambitious Levelling Up agenda.

The group embodies the ambitious vision laid out by North East Lincolnshire Council for our town's forthcoming transformation.

With the anticipated completion of most of the regeneration projects by the end of 2025, this group is dedicated to being an active pillar of support and advocacy for the town centre's transformation.

We aim not just to witness the change, but to champion and elevate every phase of the town's development journey.



Would You Like To Get Involved?

Grimsby town centre is on the brink of an exciting transformation, and we want your business and community group to be a part of it.

By joining the 2025 Group as a Business or Community Group, you or a member of your team is stepping up to become a Grimsby Town Centre Champion.

If you are interested in joining the 2025 Group just complete this [form](#) and we will be in touch.

Regeneration Projects Coming To The Town.

In the upcoming years, Grimsby's town centre will undergo a transformative makeover.

Several exciting projects are set to materialise between now and the end of 2025.

- Changing Freshney Place into a mixed retail and leisure space with parkway cinemas to provide a 5-screen cinema, additional leisure activities, retail space, a new market hall, and food/beverage options.
- Refurbishment of Central Library, bringing the upper floors back into use.
- Creation of a new, green, public space at Riverhead Square, which has already been started.
- Improving cycle/pedestrian routes in the town centre.
- A new housing complex, providing high quality, energy efficient, town centre housing.
- NHS Diagnostic Centre.
- Horizon Youth Zone.
- Grimsby Projekt Renewable (a learning/leisure container installation)
- St James House which will become a business hub, and is being brought to you by the E-Factor Group.
- The old BHS building will become the new market hall and work has already started to remove the asbestos from the building.
- An Organisation called "Care" will be taking over the Royal Bank of Scotland building this building will become the Care Community Hub.

Many of the shop fronts are going to receive a makeover, thanks to Dan Clarke and his team at Grimbarians.

To hear more about these fantastic projects book on to our next event on Monday the 5th of February 2024 at the Grimsby Town Hall, by clicking the button below.

[Book here](#)

Town Centre Regeneration Updates

We don't have a lot of regeneration updates this month because of the Christmas and New Year break but you can find the latest updates by clicking on the link [here](#).

However keep your eye on February's newsletter as we should have some exciting updates for you.

Funding and Training Opportunities For Town Centre Businesses and Community Organisations.

Business Boost

A new support programme is available. Business Boost is a fully funded business support programme designed to help those in Retail, Hospitality and Leisure achieve their business ambitions.

Your Business Boost is open to anyone who owns, or works for, a business in the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure sectors in North East Lincolnshire.

You'll need to have less than 5 full-time permanent employees – but you might have a workforce bigger that is made up of casual staff; or you might be a sole trader.

To find out more please contact guy@cdalliance.co.uk

Activation and Community Engagement Fund

Did you know there is a grant scheme available in the town centre. This grant serves as an exciting opportunity to bring unused properties back to life and "activate" the heart of our community.

Options range from temporary art installations to create buzz and beautify spaces, to capital grants for renovations that can transform dormant buildings into spaces for alternative uses.

There's also support for community-led schemes that resonate with our local values.

If you're interested in applying, there's more information on the InvestNEL [website](#), or send an [email](#) for more information.

E-Factor Support

Advice and support available. Through years of experience, E-Factor know that every business is different, but they also know how useful it is to have an objective, confidential and experienced Advisor listen to what your business needs and then actually help you do something about it.

If you are needing any support with your business then visit the E-Factor [website](#)



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