



Welcome to the sixth edition of the High Street Area Strategy Newsletter. This newsletter is produced bi-annually for local residents, businesses, and retailers to provide updates on the progress of actions identified within the High Street Area Strategy.

2020 and 2021 were challenging years given the significant impact of the pandemic, not only at a local level, but across the city and the rest of the country. 2022 has now brought additional pressures, in terms of rising inflation, increasing energy bills, and other cost of living factors. Despite these further challenges, work continues to be carried out to support stakeholders and ensure delivery of the High Street Area Strategy.

WANT FEATURED?

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BUILT HERITAGE

Presentations were provided at the most recent HSAS Steering Group meeting where members learned more about the Visitor Interpretation Strategy (VIS), and the Conservation Area Management Plans (CAMPs) for both Merchant City, and Cathedral. Once formally approved, these documents will provide further contextual guidance for stakeholders, as well as recommendations for future actions.

Glasgow Housing Association have confirmed that a programme of major building fabric repairs in High Street has also recently commenced. Phase 1 started in August 2022 with works expected to take around 4-5 months. Phase 2 is still in the planning stage with a proposed site start in spring 2023.



CULTURE AND LEISURE

Glasgow Life and Historic Environment Scotland have now appointed a contractor to undertake a consultation exercise for the emerging Cathedral Precinct Heritage Development Plan. This activity is due to commence shortly, and further information will be made available in due course for interested parties wishing to share their thoughts, comments, and suggestions.



Glasgow Life have also confirmed that staff recruitment for the re-opening of St Mungo's Museum is now in its final stages.

The new Royal Infirmary Museum has also recently opened to visitors. Located in the southern block of Glasgow Royal Infirmary, adjacent to Cathedral Precinct, it is managed and maintained by the Friends of Glasgow Royal Infirmary. The museum displays showcase the history from when Glasgow Royal Infirmary first opened in 1794. On display, in a bookcase gifted by Queen Mary, are photos and memorabilia relating to past Royal visits including a visitors' book signed by HRH Queen Elizabeth. Amongst others there are dedicated displays for Joseph Lister (who developed the theory of antiseptis), William Macewen (who was the first to successfully remove a brain tumour), and Rebecca Strong (the hospital's first Matron who trained under Florence Nightingale and who, together with William Macewen, revolutionised the profession of nursing) <https://friendsofgr.org/museum/>



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HSAS PROJECTS UPDATE

- The relocation of Greyfriars Gardens is expected to commence works in October 2022, with project completion anticipated by the end of the calendar year.
- Glasgow City Council continues to progress applications for its shopfront improvement programme - the Independent Retail Fund (IRF). Funding remains available for 2022/23 and interested parties should contact GCC for further information via the City Centre Strategy mailbox: citycentrestrategy@glasgow.gov.uk
- With the successful completion of the Meanwhile Use pilot project in 2019/2020, progress continues to be made on the development and delivery Phase 2. It is anticipated that 9 units will fall within scope. Further updates will be provided at the earliest opportunity.
- The Contemporary Art Trail highlights and promotes notable and publicly accessible works, facilities, and events in the city centre. The final element of this activity was recently completed with the successful installation of the Empire Sign in New Wynd. The Contemporary Art Trail was also included as part of this year's Merchant City Festival. <https://www.citycentrecontemporaryarttrail.co.uk/>
- Internal consultation on the remaining four District Regeneration Frameworks (DRFs) will shortly close. Thereafter, approval from Committee will be sought to commence public consultation. Comprising the districts of Townhead, Cowcaddens, Learning Quarter, and Merchant City there is sure to be much interest as their final shape will be informed by public feedback. Everyone is encouraged to share their opinions once consultation is underway.