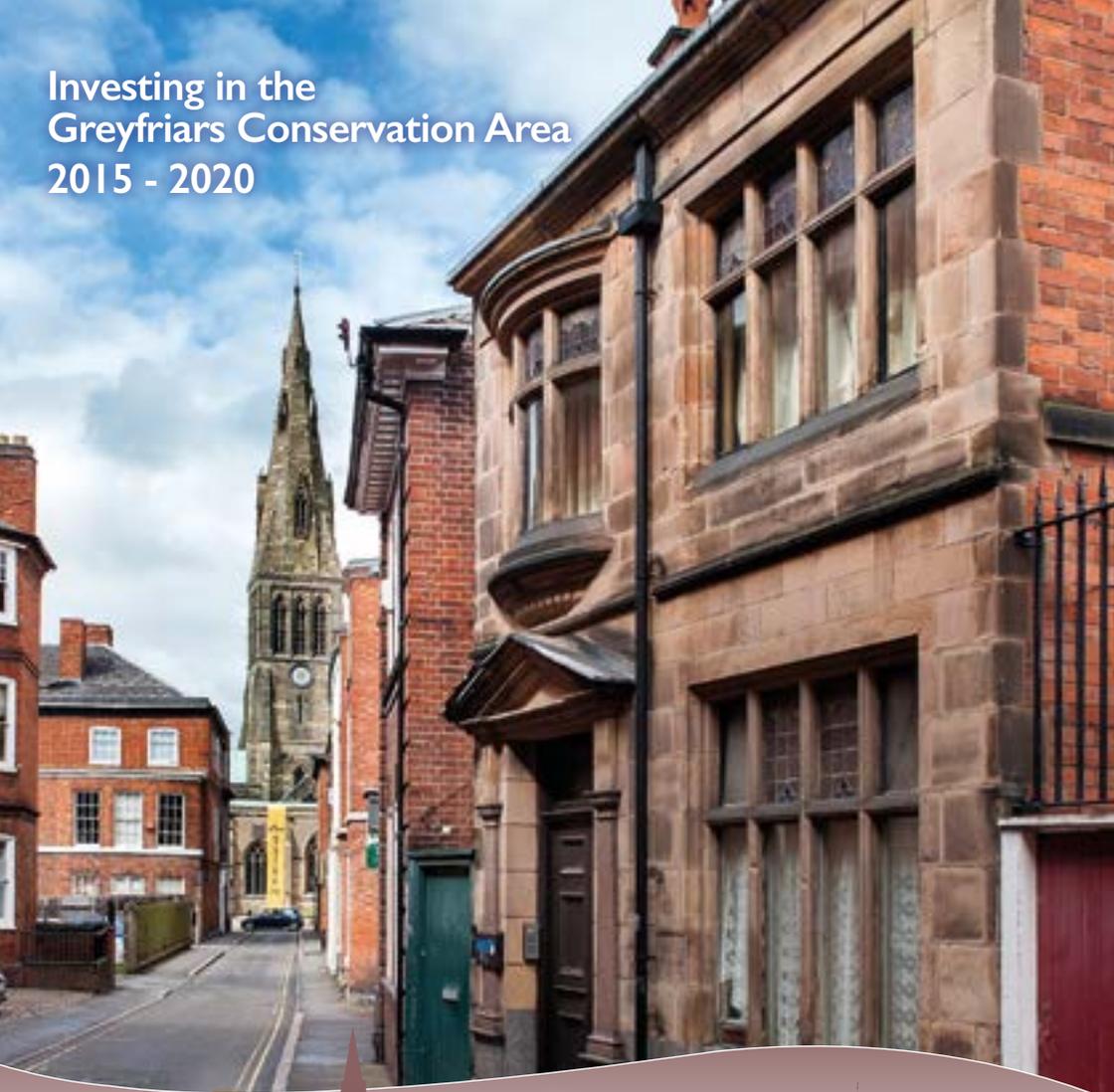


Investing in the Greyfriars Conservation Area 2015 - 2020



Greyfriars

Townscape Heritage Initiative
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Thanks to significant local support, the Heritage Lottery Fund have confirmed funding for the Greyfriars Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI).

What is the Greyfriars Townscape Heritage Initiative?

The THI is a £1.5m five-year heritage led regeneration programme, jointly funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Leicester City Council.

The aim is to ensure the long-term sustainability of the area by preserving, restoring and enhancing its architectural and cultural heritage.

The initiative has identified some of the most important historic buildings in the area to the south of Leicester Cathedral and will offer grants to help pay for repair and restoration.



The initiative, which is due to begin this spring, will offer grant funding to aid property owners and leaseholders to repair building frontages, reinstate lost architectural features such as original windows, fencing and decorative masonry, or to bring empty floor space back into use.

Community organisations, businesses and property owners are helping to shape the area. We are encouraging people to gain a greater understanding of the historic environment surrounding them and get involved in a programme of hands-on activities, events and training.

Who is involved?

Leicester City Council is working alongside a number of local organisations including the University of Leicester, De Montfort University, Leicester Cathedral, Leicester College, Leicester's Civic Society as well as a range of local community groups.





Why Greyfriars Conservation Area?

The Greyfriars Conservation Area has a unique character. It is full of important heritage and architectural treasures, built up over centuries.

Greyfriars has come to worldwide attention following the discovery of the remains of King Richard III in the car park at the back of the council buildings on St Martins.

The discovery in 2012 has put Leicester, and specifically the Greyfriars area on the tourist map as well as completely changing our understanding of the local history and development. It has raised the importance of Greyfriars from being locally interesting to internationally significant.

The beautiful Cathedral Gardens, King Richard III Visitor Centre as well as improvements to footpaths and roads have already dramatically enhanced Greyfriars. There is huge potential here, this project will make substantial funding available to businesses and property owners in the Greyfriars THI area who want to bring about lasting improvements to buildings.



What type of work will be funded?

Funding will be allocated to eligible projects based on an application and assessment procedure. Eligible works include:

- Repairs to the frontage or fabric of a building
- Replacement of lost architectural features such as traditional windows
- Improvements to public spaces
- Bringing vacant spaces back into use

Grants will pay for up to 80% of the eligible project cost. Applications cannot be made retrospectively, so works should not commence on-site before a grant offer is accepted. Please take a look at the map to see if your property is eligible for a grant.

Building conservation

Although a large proportion of the historic buildings have retained their architectural features, the area has suffered from a lack of building repairs and maintenance.

The area is of special architectural and historic interest, as it was one of the first three conservation areas to be established in Leicester.

A large part of Georgian Leicester is preserved in the central part of the conservation area, showing how the town was laid out and developed in the latter part of the 18th century.

To the south there are a number of warehouse and factory buildings dating from the 19th century, demonstrating economic change and social history of the area.

The THI aims to repair and restore these historic buildings, whilst ensuring their long-term preservation.

Look out for...

- Pop up shops and events
- Training in heritage skills
- Advice on how to look after your historic building
- Opportunities to share stories and memories of the area

If you have any ideas that would help make Greyfriars an attractive place to live, work and visit, please get in touch with us.



I am interested in (please tick all that apply)

- Receiving a grant
- Training
- Being involved in activities and events
- Joining a residents group
- Joining a business group
- Being kept up to date with THI information

Name: _____

Business name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

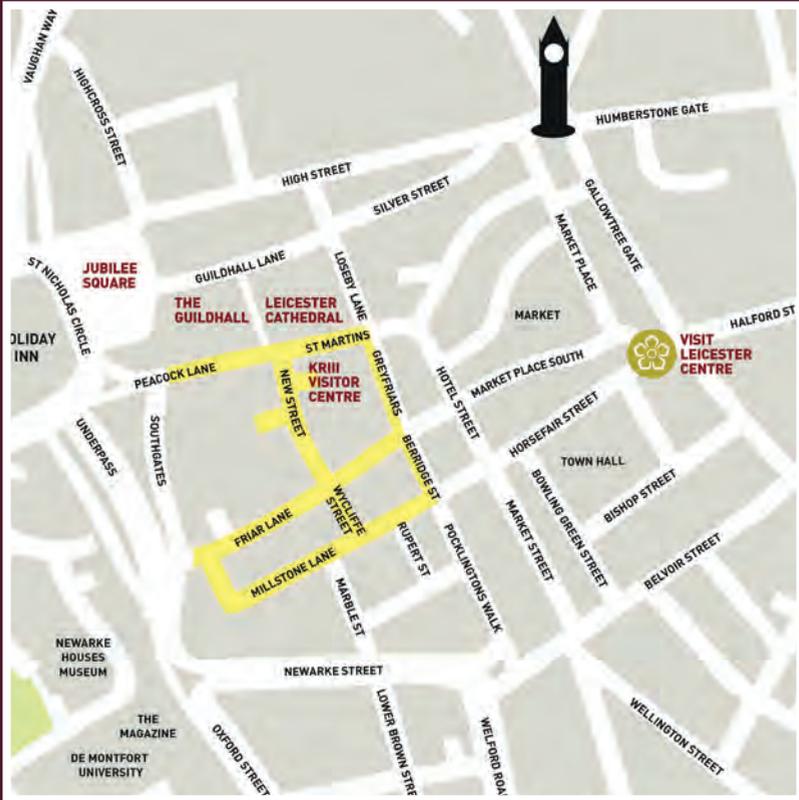
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Townscape Heritage Initiative area



To see which properties fall into the area, please take a look at the map.
Eligible properties are within the streets in yellow.

Express an interest or start your application

Take a minute to fill in the postcard inside this booklet
and return to the Greyfriars THI Project Officer.

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