

In many ways, St Cuthbert's Church was founded by the monks in 1069. Can you spot 6 more monks?



FREE day of fun 10 Sept!
Get involved in the free day of fun for all ages and learn about Bedlington's history as well as hands-on heritage crafts. See inside...

Bedlington

Townscape Heritage Initiative

Go regenerate your town centre's heritage!

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Inside...

Tallantyre transformed

Catch up on the latest from Tallantyre and see their newly designed shopfront.

Free inside...

A free pull-out heritage guide. Learn some intriguing facts about Bedlington.



Relocation, relocation

If you head to Market Place this Thursday you'll find the revamped centre has attracted new business.



Also...

...details of FREE events!

Putting on a good front

Bedlington's Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) is gathering pace and, following the huge success of Tallantyre's new spruced up look (see inside), three more grants have been awarded to town centre businesses to improve their properties and shopfronts.

2 Market Place, 4-7 Market Place and 40 Front Street West are next in line for improvement works, which will start in August or September.

On top of this, the THI budget is allowing

a further thirteen buildings in the centre to be considered for makeovers including R & S Convenience, D&J Lynn & Sons, Valley Jewellers, Gordon Mackinnon, Munchie Moos and Silver Cells.

THI Officer Richard Schofield is excited about the latest developments. "Now that the first project is complete at Tallantyre and more are on the way, the THI will start to help enhance the character of the conservation area and support local businesses".

Richard says that, although no new applications can be considered at this time, there is a possibility that reserve projects may be developed if there is a budget underspend.

So if you own or rent a shop within a pre-1918 building in the conservation area (Front Street East or West or the Market Place) and are interested in a THI grant, please contact Richard Schofield (see back for details).

Gordon Mackinnon Photography - in line for a THI Grant!



Waiting in line...



Gordon Mackinnon outside his photography business. The historic building is in line for a makeover, and is also being recorded as part of the community building recording day in September (see inside)

Gordon says "The THI has opened my eyes as to how my building should be renovated. Without their help and knowledge I fear I may have gone down a cost cutting route to improve the building with no real thought as to how it stands in Bedlington town centre. Thankfully with the help of the THI I am going to have a building I can be proud of, but more importantly to help improve Bedlington town centre."

Proposed



Proposed plans for 4-7 Market Place

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Proposed plans for 2 Market Place

Work it out

The scheme, prepared by Reavell & Cahill, will aim to reinstate traditional quality materials:

- reinstate handmade clay pantile roof
- repair & repoint stonework with lime
- install cast iron rainwater goods
- install new sliding-sash windows
- remove inappropriate shutters

