

# PORTRUSH PUBLIC REALM NEWSLETTER



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## PROGRESS TO DATE

There has been a lot of footway surface works completed since the last newsletter, with more areas of granite paving laid and the commencement of the pouring of the exposed aggregate surface.

On the right hand side of Main Street from Kerr Street Junction to Atlantic Avenue, excavation, drainage works, kerb laying and foundation works have now been completed. This was then followed by granite paving, which has been completed throughout this area.

On the left hand side of Main Street, from Kerr Street to Bath Street, excavation has been completed, granite kerbs have been laid and foundation works are now underway. An archaeologist was onsite during the excavation beside Antrim Gardens, due to the potential for archaeological finds. Granite paving has been laid from Kerr Street to Causeway View and paving is currently being laid beside Antrim Gardens.

Excavation, drainage, kerb laying and foundation placement of the existing footway has been completed on both sides of Causeway Street, except for an area at Tom Tom's Bakery. Granite Paving has been laid on all the excavated areas, except at Tom Tom's Bakery.

The island at the Causeway Street/Main Street junction has been excavated and kerbs have been laid, but is currently 'on hold' in advance of works recommencing.

Excavation, drainage works, kerb laying and foundation placement has been completed on Eglinton Street, from the Methodist Church to the former Ulster Bank building; granite paving and new tactile paving has been laid on all of this section. Excavation of the existing pavement on the other side of Eglinton Street commenced last week, with the paving squad commencing paving during the week beginning 28th May.

On the Lansdowne Green between the Boat Shed and the path to Ramore Head, excavation and the laying of foundation has been undertaken for the new decking and windbreaks, which will be installed over July and August. The excavation and setting of the granite kerbs from the Lansdowne and Bath Road junction to Ramore Avenue has been completed. The new exposed aggregate concrete surface has been laid in bays behind the excavation, with bays poured up to Ramore Avenue. The next stage of excavation will be along the shore side of Bath Road, followed by setting the kerbs and pouring exposed aggregate concrete surface. Prior to this work, investigation works at the Bath Road steps/ramp is being undertaken.

## UPCOMING WORKS

### JUNE

- Eglinton Street (RHS - Main Street to Mark Street)
- Main Street - Causeway View to Church Pass
- Lansdowne Road - Boat House to Ramore Avenue and Bath Road (shore side)
- Causeway Street/ Main Street Traffic Island

### JULY AND AUGUST

- Ramore Avenue embankment
- Green at Lansdowne (from the Boat House to Ramore Head path)

### SEPTEMBER

- Main Street - LHS (Church Pass to Causeway Street)
- Eglinton Street LHS (Railway Station to Portrush Town Hall)
- Bath Road/Bath Street retaining wall
- Bath Terrace - (shore side)

*\*Works are subject to change*

## KEY DATES

Start Date: **7th November 2017** | Finish Date: **Spring 2019**

Summer Moratorium on town centre works: **July and August 2018**

Works recommence on Main Street and Eglinton Street  
**Monday 3rd September 2018**

# PROGRESS PHOTOS



## LOWER LANSDOWNE ROAD

Kerbing works and exposed aggregate surfacing preparation.

## CAUSEWAY & MAIN STREET

Kerbs laid and paving preparation, paving laid and vehicle entrance paving sets being laid

## EGLINTON STREET

Kerbs and paving foundation in place and paving being laid

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## COLERAINE JOB FAIR

Coleraine Leisure Centre -  
8th March 2018

Department for Communities and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council organised the event.

We received a large number of CVs and interviews were held. General operative positions were filled for two new entrant trainees who both live in the local area.

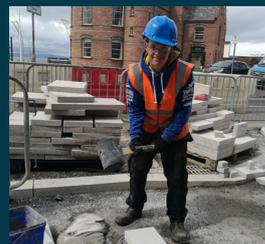
Rebecca Henderson and civil engineering apprentice, Bernard Mellon (pictured), attended.



## NORTH COAST INTEGRATED COLLEGE

Talk on careers available within FP McCann to students studying for a Construction and the Built Environment GCSE.

Rebecca Henderson and civil engineering apprentice Ciaran McNally (pictured) attended.



Mark Gaston - Rutledge placement student

## RUTLEDGE RECRUITMENT-COLERAINE

FP McCann currently has one student on placement who lives in the local area and is doing 2 days a week onsite. This allows him to get experience to tie in with his course studies. He is an enthusiastic student who appreciates being kept busy.

# THE SHIPWRECKED FISHERMEN AND MARINERS

The Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Royal Benevolent Society, better known as the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, was founded in February 1839, following the tragic loss of 21 men from a fishing fleet that sailed from Clovelly on Sunday, 28th October 1838.



Dessie Stewart, Honorary Secretary, Shipwrecked Mariner's Society pictured with FP McCann's Jim McCloy

The main objective of this Society is to provide financial assistance to fishermen, mariners and their dependants who are based in the UK and have suffered hardship, misfortune or poverty, as a result of an accident, illness, disability, unemployment or retirement.



The Society has grown to become one of the largest national maritime charities. HRH the Princess Royal is the current Society Patron.

A total of £1.4 million in grants was paid out in 2016-17 alone. Without these grants, many would have to choose between eating and heating their homes.

The UK's coastline is also home to the Society's red collecting mines. Originally more than 200 were donated by the Admiralty in recognition of the Society's unique

contribution supporting seafarers, their families, as well as others shipwrecked, during both World Wars. Unfortunately the ravages of time and the weather have reduced their number. There are still around 50 mines in operation, so if you spot one on your travels, please stop and make a donation.

There are three mine collection boxes in Northern Ireland. The Portrush sea mine collection box will be removed temporarily and then cleaned and repainted, before being returned to sit on the new paving as part of the Public Realm Scheme.

Originally managed by the Local District Council, the Portrush mine was subsequently managed by Derek Longhurst, who was based at Her Majesty's Coastguard and Meteorological Station at Portrush and was Honorary Secretary for the Society in County Antrim for over 40 years. He was also involved in setting up the talking newspaper in the area. The current Honorary Secretary for Shipwrecked Mariners in County Antrim is Dessie Stewart.

# CHARITY RAFT RACE

On Saturday 26th May 2018, FP McCann entered The Portrush Raft Race, in aid of RNLI, which is one of the most popular family fun days on the North Coast. Large crowds of spectators gathered to watch as our home-made raft named 'McCann Overboard', raced from the West Strand beach to the finishing line in the harbour.



FP McCann team at the recent raft race





Construction Manager and Public Liaison Officer:  
Jim McCloy

# PORTRUSH PUBLIC REALM CONTACT DETAILS

FP McCann will continue to liaise with all the businesses and residents within the footprint of the scheme to minimise disruption during the works. Those affected will be contacted directly by the Contractor prior to works commencing.

If you have any concerns, you are welcome to call into the Site Office, or alternatively, contact us via the project email address or site office number.

If you have a query outside of office hours, please do not hesitate to contact our 24hr contact number 028 7954 9090.

Additional information and proposed drawings can be found at:  
[www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/work/regeneration/portrush-regeneration/portrush-public-realm-schemejanuary-2017](http://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/work/regeneration/portrush-regeneration/portrush-public-realm-schemejanuary-2017)

The programme information outlined in this newsletter is subject to change, and is dependent upon approval from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and DFI Roads.

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## FP MCCANN LTD

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FP McCann is also the UK's largest manufacturer and supplier of precast concrete solutions.

At FP McCann, we promise to perform and build a sustained trust with our stakeholders. By implementing our corporate values, we aim to deliver on this guarantee through our products, services, communications and, above all, the behaviour of our people. We recognise the importance of operating with integrity and apply high standards of corporate governance in the conduct of our business.

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