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Introduction

The Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) is a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) regeneration programme which supports strategic action by partnerships of public, private and voluntary bodies to address problems of disrepair, erosion of quality and under-use of prominent buildings within historic towns, thus contributing to the economy, sustainability, vitality and confidence of the community. Denbighshire County Council has been successful in attracting an Initiative in Rhyl, with a Common Fund in the region of £5 million to grant aid a programme of improvements to properties and enhancement of the townscape.

This information pack explains the Townscape Heritage Initiative Scheme, and contains a series of Guidance Notes and Application Forms to assist you in making an application for grant aid. Whilst these may look complicated, your architect or surveyor should be familiar with them, and will help you provide the appropriate information. In addition, the THI Project Team will be happy to explain the application process in more detail, advise you on eligibility of proposed works, and help to deal with all grant applications and claims. The Team may be contacted at the address below.

The Rhyl Partnership

A partnership of local organisations representing all stakeholders, some of whom will be funders of the scheme, will manage the THI for the benefit of the community. All partners have an interest in preserving and enhancing the distinctive character of the historic town, which will in turn assist in regenerating the economy, and restoring the vitality and confidence of the community. The partnership will meet regularly to review the scheme and formulate the programme.

The Rhyl Partnership consists of

- Denbighshire County Council
- Rhyl Town Council
- Rhyl Civic Society
- Rhyl Business Group
- Popeth Cymraeg
- Clwydfro Enterprise
- Cadw: Welsh Historic Monuments
- Welsh Assembly Government

Cyngor Sir Ddinbych mewn partneriaeth gyda / Denbighshire County Council in partnership with:





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The Action Plan

The Rhyl THI will run from 2006 to 2010, and will be focused within a specific area between High Street and Edward Henry Street, from the Railway Station to West Parade – see the attached plan. The framework for the THI will be the Action Plan – a detailed assessment of the buildings and sites within the THI area which identifies buildings of architectural or historic interest and townscape value, which will be eligible for grant aid, with the priority being to tackle disrepair, under-use, loss of historic detail and poor quality alterations. A number of worthy buildings, which contribute to the historic appearance and character of the town but are in a poor state of repair, have been identified as 'critical projects' whose repair and enhancement would have a significant impact on the image of the town, and an element of the funding has been specifically earmarked to repair and restore these key buildings.

HLF has appointed a Project Monitor to ensure that the scheme is progressing in line with the approved Action Plan, and that all conditions of the grant award from HLF are met. The Project Monitor will make periodic visits to Rhyl, which may include visiting ongoing projects, and will meet with the Rhyl Partnership on a regular basis. Approval from the Project Monitor may be required before certain grant awards are made, for example large awards, or where the owner has some connection with Denbighshire County Council, The Rhyl Partnership or the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

The Grant Scheme

Day to day management of the THI will be carried out by Denbighshire County Council, with a dedicated THI Project Team of three officers, who will be the point of contact for advice, both from property owners who wish to apply for grants, and professional consultants acting for them. All communications are to be made to the address below. Funding partners may have differing criteria for eligibility, and the THI Project Team will be able to advise you before applying for grants. You should also refer to specific guidance provided by each funding body.

Grant awards will be made within the first three years of the THI, and all grant assisted works must be completed by the end of the final year. A registered architect or chartered surveyor with appropriate conservation experience must be appointed by the property owner to design and manage every project; professional fees will be included in any grant award made. Grants are discretionary, and all works must be carried out to recognised conservation standards.



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The Application Pack

This Application Pack contains the following Guidance Notes:

- Applying for a Townscape Heritage Initiative Grant
- List of Professional Conservation Consultants
- Guidance Notes for Professional Consultants
- A Guide to Eligible Works
- The Principles of Repair of Historic Buildings
- Claiming Your Townscape Heritage Initiative Grant

Copies of the following Forms are included to enable you to make a grant application:

- Initial Grant Application
- Full Grant Application
- Certificate of Title – to be completed by your bank or building society
- VAT Certificate Statement of Liability – to be completed by your accountant or consultant
- Grant Claim Form

Unless indicated, all application forms must be signed by the owner / leaseholder.

The relevant Application Forms will be provided to applicants whose projects may be eligible for a Town Improvement Grant (TIG) from the Welsh Assembly Government.

Copies of all Guidance Notes and application forms are available from the THI Project Office at the address below, or they may be downloaded from www.denbighshire.gov.uk

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