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Discover how Stockport's biggest transformation yet is taking shape.

PICTURED Artist's impression of the new Transport Interchange

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Ambitious Stockport, creating opportunities *for everyone*

Something special is happening in our town centre...

A REVIVAL IS UNDERWAY



When Merseyway opened its doors in 1965, the world was very different. Since then, the ways we shop, work and play have changed.



Here in Stockport, we've seized the opportunity to modernise our town centre – no longer just a place to go shopping; it's becoming a place to set up a home, build your business, enjoy nature, spend time with friends and get the support you need. A place that everyone in the borough can be proud of.

Over the last decade, we've been hard at work turning this vision into reality and now the signs of this change are all around us. Now it's full steam ahead!

We're reinvigorating our beautiful heritage buildings, building new neighbourhoods for people of all ages and incomes to call home, creating new public spaces and excellent facilities, and investing amounts only usually seen in cities to create new jobs in improved offices and working spaces.

Our approach is attracting national recognition, demonstrating that it is possible to buck the trend of decline and create vibrant, thriving high streets fit for the future. This recognition has brought positive coverage locally, nationally and even internationally, with visitors coming to spend time in the borough and support our local economy. It has also encouraged investment from the government and private investors whose imaginations have been captured by what's happening here.

However, we know the challenges many people, organisations and businesses face, so we're increasing our efforts to create a town centre fit for today and tomorrow.

We're investing in new facilities, services and free activities and events. As we continue to face tough times, our town centre must be a place where

people can find support. Many organisations and people are helping to make that happen.

Looking to the future, Stockport is adapting to how people live, work, shop and enjoy their free time. We have bold plans to transform our town centre, helping to define Stockport for future generations.

This newspaper intends to update you on where we're up to – recent changes you may not yet have discovered, new developments currently underway and transformation to come. It also includes practical information and helps navigate the challenges we know many are facing as the cost-of-living crisis continues. We're sending it to everyone in the borough because our ambition is for our town centre to be a place which serves all our residents and which we can all be proud of.



Stockport's Support Network



The warm spaces where you can head to this winter

In difficult times it's more important than ever that our town centre is a place where everyone can find the support they need and there are many great organisations and

people helping to make that happen. Launched in November 2022, Stockport Warm Spaces was created to provide areas across the whole borough where local people are welcome to drop-in and relax in a warm and safe space. These warm spaces will be open until March 2023 and

many will offer free Wi-Fi, free hot food and drink, and a range of activities. Scan the QR code to find your nearest warm space.



COMPETITION TIME



Win a pair of free tickets for Hat Works Museum's Factory Floor tour

Come see the revamped Factory Floor; discover the grizzly history of the fur trade, why Stockport was the perfect place to make hats and see our Victorian hatting machines in motion on this fabulous tour. More images, archive footage and objects are now on display than ever before and we can't wait to welcome you.

HOW TO ENTER

Email bookings.hatworks@stockport.gov.uk and put 'Hat Works prize draw' in the subject line and provide your full name and contact number. If you cannot access email, you can call Hat Works on **0161 474 2399** and leave your name and phone number. Deadline for entries is Friday 10th March. Good luck!

Ts & Cs: Tours usually cost £6.00/Only one entry per person/Winners will be randomly selected on 17th March 2023 and notified by email with details of how to book/Prizes cannot be resold or exchanged for cash/Tours must be booked within three months of the draw/A total of 15 pairs of tickets will be given away.

Wondering what support you are eligible for?

Visit the council's cost of living hub:
www.stockport.gov.uk/costofliving

TRANSFORMING PUBLIC SERVICES

New and improved facilities for everyone

We know that great public services and accessible, high-quality facilities are crucial to enabling everyone in Stockport to thrive. That's why we're transforming tired, empty shops into state-of-the-art public service hubs, creating brand new parks in some unlikely places and working hard to secure government investment in a brand new hospital. So, whether you're a town centre resident using a new health centre on your doorstep or someone travelling in from another part of the borough to a family fun event on the roof of the new bus station, you'll soon be seeing the benefit.



Stockroom: a new learning and discovery hub in Merseyway



We're pioneering an innovative plan to bring people to the town centre and inspire a love of learning in children and adults. Supported by £14.5m from the Future High Streets Fund, we're turning empty space in Merseyway into Stockroom, an accessible, family friendly learning and discovery space in the heart of the town centre.

Stockroom will be a multi-use community space, designed to be welcoming for everyone. This will be a place where people from all over the borough can come to spend time with friends and family and access council and partner services to get the help they need in one central location.

This pioneering use of empty retail space will help regenerate our town centre, attract

visitors and support the local economy by offering access to a wide range of services in a convenient location, with easy and accessible links to public transport and car parking, enabling more people to benefit from them.

Stockroom will deliver an entirely new public service offer – providing a hub where you can:

- Explore the heritage of Stockport
- Spend time with family & friends in a safe and welcoming space
- Get access to council services

Working hard to bring a new hospital to our town centre

We have bold plans for a brand-new hospital in the heart of our town centre. Plans drawn up by Stockport NHS Foundation Trust would see this state-of-the-art hospital located at the former Debenhams site. The Trust first bid for the hospital to be one of 40 new hospitals as part of a £3.7bn national building programme in 2021,

recognising that many of the buildings at the main Stepping Hill site have reached the end of their useful life. Sign up to the Council and Foundation Trust communication channels on the following websites to stay up to date as these plans progress: www.stockport.gov.uk and www.stockport.nhs.uk.



REDISCOVER STOCKPORT

Dates for your diaries

Free activities in the town centre



28 MAY



RAMPING UP OUR PLANS: KRAZY RACES 2023

Stockport is set to get a little wackier this year as Krazy Races comes to town on **Sunday 28th May 2023**. Krazy Races Events have teamed up with Stockport Business Improvement District (BID) to bring a soapbox derby event to the town centre, a perfect fun filled free day out for the whole family. The race route will showcase the iconic landmarks of Stockport with teams and spectators encouraged to raise money for charity.

Paul Taylor, BID Manager, said: "We are delighted to be bringing Krazy Races to Stockport. We can't wait to see how the racers will navigate the hilly route from the start in St Peter's Square down to Chestergate!"

SAVE THE DATE: STOCKPORT MOVES

Stockport town centre will come alive with free events and fun activities for all the family at Stockport Moves on **Sunday 2nd July 2023** (previously known as StockSport).

Come and have a go at the fastest goal and cricket nets. There will be challenges, games and activities to try out as well as a variety of bikes.

The Move to a Mile fun run is a fantastic opportunity to get active and is open to people of all ages and abilities.

Danny Butler and his Extreme Mountain Bike crew will return and they're bringing the half pipe, so bigger and better stunts, creating a fantastic spectacle for the crowds.

A free family day out you won't want to miss.

2 JULY



Summer



LEAPING INTO 2023: STOCKPORT FROGS

The frogs are coming back! Since they first arrived back in 2019, Stockport has become famous for its giant, colourful frogs. The town centre art trails have attracted thousands of new (old, and not-so-old) visitors to the town centre eager to explore the trail and meet all the frogs.

Not only is this a fantastic way to see all the great changes taking place in Stockport, but it is also a brilliant opportunity for the incredible businesses in Stockport to get their brand in front of new audiences.

If you'd like to know how your business can get involved, download a sponsor pack at www.totallystockport.co.uk/frogs

FEEL THE BUZZ OF STOCKPORT AT FOODIE FRIDAY

On the **last Friday of every month** a collection of Stockport's finest food and drinks traders come together, creating an incredible family-friendly evening out. Set against the historic backdrop of the Market Place, Foodie Friday has become the latest event to put Stockport firmly on Greater Manchester's food and drink map.

LAST Fri



SECOND Sat



MAKERS MARKET

On the **second Saturday of every month** an abundance of the North West's finest makers, bakers and creators get together at Stockport Market Place. This free family-friendly day out showcases the best art, craft, food, drink, coffee, music and street food Stockport has to offer.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

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FUN FACT



Did you know?

The new Transport Interchange will have a

two acre park

on its roof.



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A £1bn transformation for Stockport's heritage and its future

1 Stockport Exchange



2 Redrock



3 Underbanks



4 Market Place



5 Hopes Carr



6 The Mailbox



1. STOCKPORT EXCHANGE

Located just outside Stockport train station, Stockport Exchange has been a game-changer for our town and is home to major businesses such as MusicMagpie, BASF, Stagecoach and legal firm ONP. Alongside this, Exchange offers a Holiday Inn Express and an NCP car park. The fourth phase of this incredible new business district and gateway to the town centre is now underway, with future phases to follow due to increasing demand.

FUN FACT

Did you know?

There are plans to transform the area to the west of Stockport station, building 4,000 new homes with great public spaces and facilities for everyone to enjoy?



2. REDROCK

Home to The Light featuring a 12-screen cinema, boutique bowling, karaoke and an arcade, Redrock has introduced a new dimension in leisure, entertainment and family dining. As well as a superbly equipped gym and restaurants including Pizza Express, Zizzi, and Berretto Lounge, Redrock is also home to independent retailers with a unique offering, including the latest addition, Turkish Restaurant Afiyet, making Redrock fully let and provides a great day out in the heart of the town centre.

3. UNDERBANKS

Little and Great Underbanks, the historic streets in a split-level layout next to Stockport Market Place, was named by The Guardian in 2022 as "one of the coolest little corners of the country." The Underbanks strike a perfect balance between preserving Stockport's heritage and changing the area for the better, attracting small businesses and creatives to its independent ethos. We're saving and refurbishing historic buildings with the funding we secured from the Arts

Council and Heritage Lottery Fund and using this as a springboard to create a sustainable neighbourhood. The area's diverse culinary offer includes Bistro Marc, serving authentic French cuisine in the former Winters Jewellers store and Where the Light Gets In, one of only 31 green Michelin-starred restaurants in the UK.

4. MARKET PLACE

The impressive Victorian-covered Market Hall was crowned the UK's best indoor small market last month by the National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA) and is home to more than 30 independent retailers selling a range of goods from fresh fruit and vegetables to bespoke art. Regular monthly outdoor specialist markets and events such as the Makers Market and Foodie Friday attract visitors from far and wide and a new generation of shoppers to the market. The area benefits from increased pedestrianisation creating a more attractive and welcoming environment for shoppers.

5. HOPES CARR

Another brand-new community is emerging in the heart of our town centre as the latest phase of housing completes at Hopes Carr. This is a long term ambition that has required close partnership working to create a new community and to regenerate a derelict area. Hopes Carr is part of Stockport's new Covent Garden Village, an urban village of 250 new homes, a memorial park and new public open space. This development has already been an enormous success, with the latest phases, supported by Homes England, creating new affordable, accessible and much-needed family homes.

6. THE MAILBOX

Created from the disused Royal Mail Sorting Office, the Mailbox was the first new housing development built in the Town Centre West area. Featuring the biggest green wall in the North West, it is an excellent example of how new life can be breathed into old buildings. The flats are now fully let, and its success is a sign of things to come in the future redevelopment of the area.

Need emergency support with food, rent and bills, uniforms or white goods?

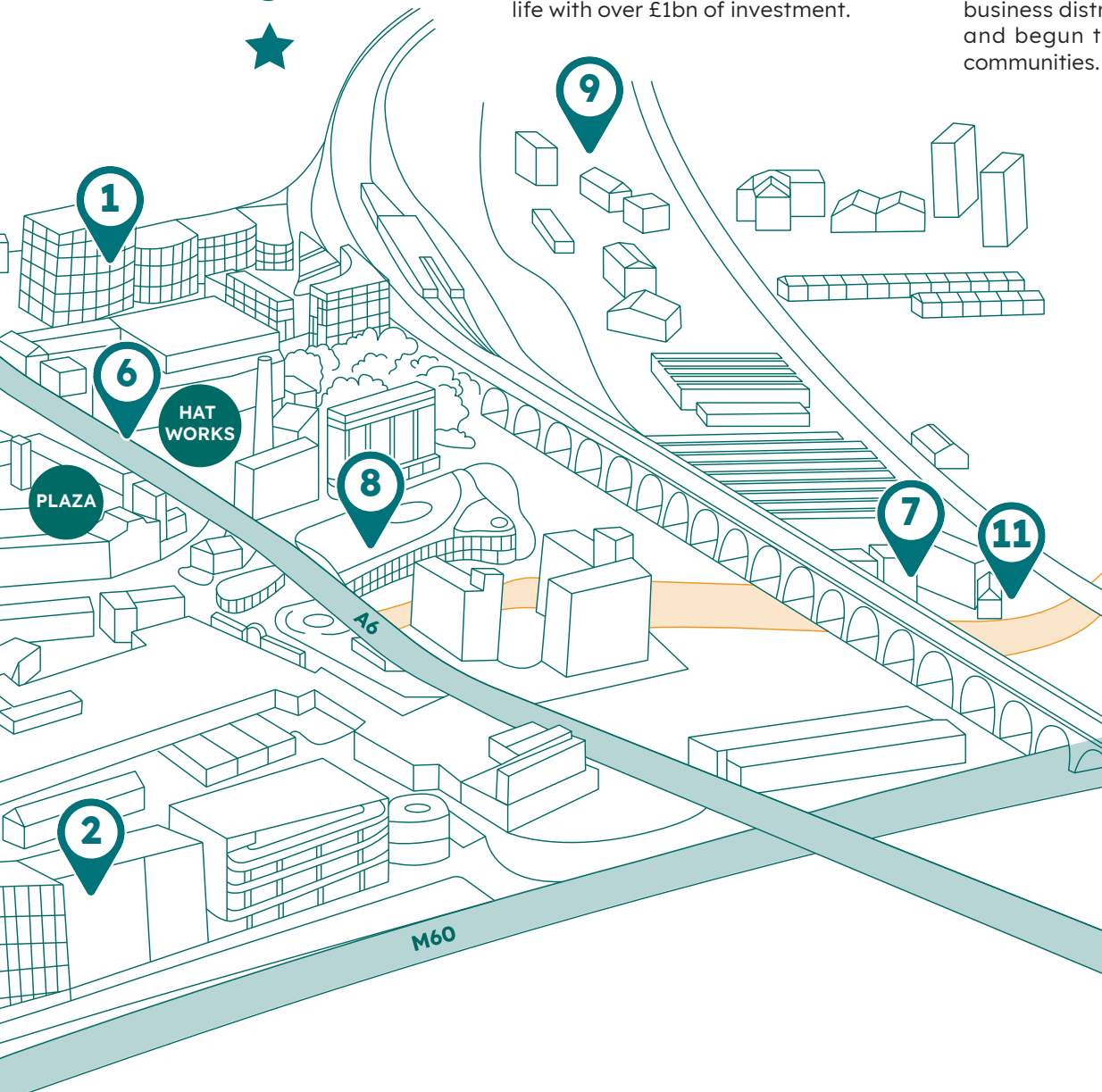
Call the council on 0161 474 2140

Setting the bar high for Greater Manchester's rising star

WE'RE AMBITIOUS FOR STOCKPORT! Over the last decade, our goal has been to make our town centre the beating heart of our borough. Together, we've been working hard to bring this vision to life with over £1bn of investment.

Stockport has something for everyone. Over the past few years, we've created an incredible leisure and dining facility at Redrock, a thriving food and drink scene at the Market Place, a booming business district at Stockport Exchange, and begun to create new homes and communities.

Our next job is to transform the area west of Stockport train station into a new residential neighbourhood with 4,000 new homes, from flats to family houses, and the public spaces and facilities for people to thrive. On this page, you can see how far we've already come and get a taste of what's to come.



7. WEIR MILL

We're saving historic buildings such as Weir Mill and creating new vibrant neighbourhoods; thanks to funding from Stockport Council and Stockport MDC, Capital&Centric's £60m transformation is underway. More than 250 design-led apartments will be created across the restored listed Victorian mill buildings and two neighbouring new-build blocks. From lush new greenery and outdoor hangouts to a mix of indie bars, restaurants and shops, Weir Mill has been designed to be a stand-out destination for Stockport Town Centre West, with a buzzing new public space on the banks of the Mersey.

8. INTERCHANGE

Town centre green space, new homes, better transport, all in one place. It's coming along at a great pace as the distinct oval outline of Stockport town centre's new Transport Interchange takes shape. Alongside a new bus station, a two acre park and 196 high-quality residential apartments, a new walking and cycling bridge will link with Stockport's train station at Stockport Exchange. The new Interchange development forms a core part

of the Town Centre West regeneration district. This 130-acre site will see new housing, leisure, workspace and amenities being delivered by the MDC, working alongside public and private sector partners, including Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) and Homes England.

9. ST THOMAS'

Another historic building that we're saving is the development to repurpose the former Grade II listed St Thomas' Hospital, originally built in 1841, creating new buildings to form a multi-purpose and multi-generational town centre neighbourhood, with 67 new homes and an intermediate care facility will create a new multi-generational community. All the homes will be delivered as affordable homes. The Academy of Living Well will support those transitioning between the hospital and the home and work to support the borough's approach to health and social care integration.

10. STOK

Developers Glenbrook has transformed the former M&S store into STOK, a 62,000

sq ft top quality office scheme. It's now ready for occupation, boasting large open-plan office suites designed with flexibility in mind that can accommodate businesses of all sizes. The building also has a 5,000 sq ft retail unit in a prime location within Merseyway Shopping Centre.

11. STOCKPORT 8

Plans are underway for Stockport 8, one of the largest town centre regeneration projects in the UK. The eight acre site will create a new digitally capable, walkable neighbourhood with more than 1,000 new homes. Early-stage plans also include retail, leisure and office space. Sitting alongside both the town's historic viaduct and the new Transport Interchange. Stockport 8 is an

important part of MDC's masterplan: to see Stockport become the most sustainable, liveable town centre in the region.

12. KNIGHTSBRIDGE

Developers, Amstone Ventures, will build more than 500 new homes, a mix of one, two and three bedroom flats as well as three bedroom family town houses on the site of the former Sainsbury's store in the heart of the town centre. The £100m scheme will open the riverside for pedestrian access to the River Goyt and create a new public space. Underground parking facilities at the store will be repurposed to provide parking for residents via a new access road to avoid increasing traffic through the town centre itself.

7 Weir Mill



8 Interchange



9 St Thomas'



10 STOK



11 Stockport 8



12 Knightsbridge



**We are blazing a trail
that others are keen to follow**

Mark Hunter Leader of Stockport Council, Property Week October 2022

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PICTURED Artist's impression of the two acre park at the heart of the Stockport Interchange project.

New green spaces are vital for Stockport's future

Our plans for the town centre are all about breathing new life back into Stockport.



We know green spaces are so important – enabling plants and animals to thrive, cleaning the air and supporting the health and wellbeing of our residents – and we're working hard to create more of them.

On this page, you can read about how we're bringing more greenery to the town centre – with a brand new two acre park, the opening up of the River Mersey to pedestrians and cyclists and a network of wildlife-friendly growing spaces on roofs, walls and more!

INTERCHANGE

NEW URBAN PARK SET TO BE AT THE HEART OF THE TOWN CENTRE

Our biggest project is Stockport Interchange, which will have a new two acre park right in the heart of the town centre. The park will be located on the roof of the new bus station, providing space for local people to meet, get active, play and relax. The development will open up access to the River Mersey for cyclists and pedestrians, making use of this often-forgotten feature of the town.

Due to be completed in spring 2024 – why not take a stroll past and check out the progress!

HOPES CARR

COME AND VISIT STOCKPORT'S NEWEST PARK!

In 2022 we opened Stockport's newest park at Hopes Carr. Previously a car park, the site has been transformed into a brand-new open space for residents to visit, relax and reflect.

The park is situated next to the Hopes Carr Air Disaster 1967 memorial and

is dedicated to remembering those who lost their lives during the tragedy. There is a running theme of hope throughout the architecture of the park, using the colours of the rainbow to brighten what was once a dark, sheltered space and highlight the significance of hope and strength that have inspired the design throughout.



PICTURED Our newest green space, Hopes Carr park

FUN FACT

Did you know?

There are
114,500
plants across the four living walls incorporated into the fabric of the Mailbox development!

REWILDING STOCKPORT



Help turn your neighbourhood into a place where local wildlife can thrive!

Cheshire Wildlife Trust has secured National Heritage Lottery funding for 'Rewilding Stockport', a project to help local people turn their neighbourhoods into community-based nature reserves where wildlife can thrive.

Through community activities and events, the project has already begun to support Stopfordians to create a network of linked wildlife-friendly spaces in back gardens, allotments, window boxes, balconies, street corners, school grounds, and town centre planters. Highlights so far include Wilder Weekend at Heaton Norris Park, as well as talks on wildlife friendly gardening and hedgehogs and workshops to increase spaces for pollinators.

More is planned for 2023, with Cheshire Wildlife Trust focusing on helping communities, schools and businesses transform wasted spaces for nature and people, improving nature connectedness across the borough. If you want to get involved, please join our Facebook group or visit our webpage.

FUN FACT

Did you know?

There is a garden on the roof of Merseyway which provides food for Stockport's green Michelin starred restaurant? The Landing is a collaborative community growing space designed and built by Where The Light Gets In and Manchester Urban Diggers.

Need help getting online?

Receive over the phone or face-to-face support by calling **0753 712 7095**

INTERVIEW WITH TIM HEATLEY

Q&A

Find out more about Capital&Centric's latest development at Weir Mill



Tim Heatley is co-founder of Capital&Centric, the Manchester-based social impact developers behind the transformation of Stockport's Weir Mill.

WHY DID YOU WANT TO INVEST IN STOCKPORT'S FUTURE?

There's a very long list of reasons! Firstly, the site ... Weir Mill is really in our sweet spot. It's a chance to rescue and restore a stunning historic building, making it the centrepiece of a fantastic new neighbourhood.

But we really wanted to work in Stockport. There's a forward-thinking council working with the combined authority to do things differently and spark a real renaissance of the town centre. We wanted to be part of that story.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WEIR MILL AND IS IT SIMILAR TO YOUR OTHER PROJECTS?

Yes and no. Work's well underway now... over 100 people are working on site, the

foundations of the new apartment blocks laid and the structures going up. The internal conversion of the two mill buildings is happening too. When done, it'll be its own town centre neighbourhood, packed with loads of character, spaces to hang out and indie businesses.

People may know us from the stuff we've done before in Manchester – the Kampus garden neighbourhood near the gay village, the Ducie Street Warehouse (now an achingly cool place to spend a day) or the conversion of Crusader mill into an owner occupier community.

There'll be elements of all those projects in Weir Mill – they'll all share a conscious, design-led approach to regeneration, but we're not interested in doing the same thing over and over again. Weir Mill will have its own unique charm and vibe that's specific to Stockport.

WHY ARE EYES ON STOCKPORT AT THE MOMENT?

People are always looking for the next up and coming place and it's without doubt Stockport's time in the spotlight, with more businesses opening and the national media singing its praises. There's so much going on that will help continue that positive momentum, including Weir Mill.

For us, making the town centre more liveable is critical to that continued success. Whilst there's a slew of indie businesses shaping Stockport's next chapter, the town's not immune to the challenges facing the high street

nationally. Getting more people to build a life in the town centre will create a critical mass and increased footfall, that in turn is a catalyst for more businesses to open. A win win.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO PRESERVE LOCAL HERITAGE AT WEIR MILL?

These buildings are packed with historic character and architectural charm, but they're also a focus for social heritage... stories of generations of people who have passed through the doors. While it's the right thing to preserve that, it's essential to write the next chapter – one that respects the bones of the building but makes it fit for how we live today.

That said, these projects are not straight forward and often hide challenges that you uncover along the way. But the end results are so worth it.

WHAT ELSE IS KEEPING YOU BUSY?

We're super busy on similar game-changing projects, including re-booting Farnworth near Bolton and at the Goods Yard, a creative new neighbourhood in Stoke-on-Trent.

We'll also be on TV soon too. We're super excited about 'The Big Interiors Battle' – it's a new Channel 4 series fronted by AJ Odudu where one budding interior designer will win an apartment at our historic Eyewitness Works community in Sheffield. It'll be on in a few weeks, so keep an eye out for us on the box!



It's happening, thriving town centre communities, now and in the future

Stockport town centre is already leading the way in developing the ultimate example of town centre living. With 3,000 homes already occupied, the town centre is the location of choice for many of our residents keen to live in a convenient, well-connected location, close to work, amenities and leisure spaces.

Over the next 10 years, Stockport MDC and its partners will transform the area of Town Centre West, providing 4,000 new homes. The area's regeneration will bring a new buzz to the town centre and support investment in facilities and services. It will allow us to open up the river Mersey, invest in schools and health services, and improve public transport and walking and cycling infrastructure, creating a new urban landscape for us all to enjoy.

Game-changing work that's enhancing our rich cultural heritage

We're a proud industrial town and bringing life back into our rich cultural heritage has been at the heart of our vision for the town centre from the beginning.



Over the last five years, we've secured millions of pounds of national investment to save much-loved historic buildings, breathing new life into our old town and making it a bustling hub of independent business and culture. With the redevelopment of Weir Mill - a beautiful grade II listed cotton mill dating back to the 1800s – in Town Centre West we're continuing this work, delivering new public spaces for our community to come together and celebrate its history.

STOCKPORT'S HISTORIC UNDERBANKS – A PLACE WHERE WE CAN LIVE, WORK AND PLAY, CELEBRATE THE PAST AND EMBRACE THE FUTURE.

The Market Place and Underbanks is a unique and special place in Stockport town centre, rich in heritage. Once the bustling retail heart of the town centre, over previous years the historic Underbanks area had become somewhat neglected. Now, thanks to Heritage Lottery Funding and a £7m investment programme, this important area is undergoing a renaissance, restoring its natural beauty. Investment into the area has attracted a wealth of small independents, restaurants and bars. Fine dining restaurant Where The Light Gets In and bars Project 53 and The Angel Inn are just some of the businesses that have moved into the area.

FUN FACT

Did you know?



Stockport Market was named

Best Small Market

in the 2023 British Market Awards!

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WHAT'S NEXT...

Stockport: Moving forward together



Together we're transforming our town centre. This is a long-term project involving many people and organisations, from market traders to world class engineers, international businesses to community gardeners.

We've weathered many challenges over the last decade since we started, from the pandemic to the cost-of-living crisis. These have kept us focused on building a lively town centre where everyone in Stockport can flourish.

The latest phase of this transformation is the creation of 'Town Centre West', a new residential neighbourhood to the west of Stockport Railway Station. Over the next decade we will build 4,000 much needed new homes in the area, along with the facilities and infrastructure for all residents, current and new, to use and enjoy.

THIS TRANSFORMATION IS BEING LED BY STOCKPORT MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MDC), WORKING ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL.

MDCs are statutory organisations created to bring forward the regeneration of defined areas. In Greater Manchester, Mayor Andy Burnham has developed a model that will allow the region to harness the potential that MDCs have to bring about large-scale regeneration while being sympathetic to local circumstances without creating major, additional bureaucracy.

In 2019, following a public consultation, Stockport became the first town in Greater Manchester to create an MDC. A Board chaired by Lord Bob Kerslake (former head of the Civil Service) and consisting of representatives from the main political parties, Stockport Council and partner organisations has been created to provide overall direction.

BOARD - STOCKPORT MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (STOCKPORTMDC.CO.UK)

Since its establishment in 2019, Stockport MDC has been hard at work delivering our ambitions for Town Centre West. More than 1,100 new homes have been built or are currently in construction, 110,000 sq ft of premium office space has been created, treasured heritage

buildings are being restored, a new Transport Interchange with a two acre roof-top park is well underway and brand new walking and cycling routes are connecting up our town centre.

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Stockport is leading the way nationally. The Mayoral Development Corporation model that Andy Burnham, Stockport Council, and Homes England have created is tackling the barriers to regeneration that have held towns back for generations and, in doing so, is delivering on a scale of ambition that is unprecedented in Stockport and unmatched by any other town in the country.

Lord Bob Kerslake

Stockport is a great place, with a proud history and bright future. Our Mayoral Development Corporation will help to boost the growth of the town centre and create a vibrant, innovative place that celebrates the town's rich history and sets the groundwork for its future.

Mayor Andy Burnham

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Lord Kerslake



Cllr Mark Hunter



Cllr Elise Wilson



Cllr Mike Hurleston



Louise Brooke-Smith



Debbie Francis



Simon Marshall



Simon Nokes



Caroline Simpson



Danielle Gillespie

INVESTMENT

Bringing investment usually only seen in cities to our town

Over the last decade we have overseen £1bn investment in transforming our town centre, giving it the financial boost, it deserved. This has been possible by securing investment from government and from the private sector, and by using the income generated from investment in the town. This approach has meant that we've been able to fund bold, transformational plans without dipping into funding for crucial public services.

KEEP UP-TO-DATE

Find out about what's happening

Do you want to find out more about the MDC and Stockport Council have been doing in the town centre and what's coming up? There are a number of ways you can stay in touch with developments.

➡ **Keep an eye on our website**

www.stockportmdc.co.uk where we publish regular updates about our plans

🐦 **On Twitter and Facebook**

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Any questions?

If you have a question you can email us **towncentrewest@stockport.gov.uk** or ring us on **0161 474 3909**

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