

More high streets set for funding boost as reopening accelerates

Press release

Further 57 English high streets to receive a share of over £830 million to improve transport links, build new homes and transform underused spaces.



- Funding confirmed for a further 57 areas
- In total, 72 high streets will share over £830 million to help them reopen and recover from the pandemic
- Investment to help transform town centres into vibrant places to live, work and shop

More high streets will receive new money to improve transport links, build new homes and transform underused spaces in a key milestone for the government's levelling up agenda.

In total, 72 English high streets – from Penzance to South Shields – will share over £830 million, with 57 of these areas announced today.

As pubs, cinemas, bowling alleys and more open up this week, this funding will provide a much-needed boost for towns as they safely welcome shoppers and visitors back to their high streets.

The funding is part of the government's plan to protect, support and create thousands of jobs in a range of industries, delivering opportunities and prosperity to communities across England.

Confirmed plans include:

- £17.28 million for Grimsby will create a new multiplex cinema and market food hall, which hopes to boost visitor numbers to the town centre. A new public square and events space will be created bringing more vitality and buzz to the high street.
- £13.96 million investment for Taunton to build new homes, business spaces and hospitality venues, as well as an outdoor performance venue

for events to boost visitor numbers.

- £6.28 million for Sutton-in-Ashfield for the refurbishment of the Sutton Academy theatre space and repurposing of vacant retail space into offices and hospitality venues. A new pop-up food and events space as well as better pedestrian links will encourage more local people to visit the town centre for special events and festivals.

Communities Secretary Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP said:

This funding is part of wider support we are providing to communities and businesses, to protect jobs, support the most vulnerable and ensure no one is left behind as we recover from pandemic.

This investment will make a huge difference to towns and cities across England and transform themselves in desired places to shop, visit, live and work.

The Future High Streets Fund will support towns, communities and businesses as we get back to enjoying the best of what the high street has to offer.

The [Future High Streets Fund](#) was launched in December 2018 and is a key part of this government's plan to renew and reshape town centres – making them a more attractive place to live, work and visit. It is just one of the ways the government is supporting the retail and hospitality sector.

Support for high streets

- We launched the [Welcome Back Fund](#) in March 2021 to help councils boost tourism, improve green spaces and provide more outdoor seating areas, markets and food stall pop-ups – giving people more safer options to reunite with friends and relatives throughout the summer.
- The High Street Homes Permitted Development Rights will make it easier for disused buildings to be repurposed and provide housing.
- Providing restaurants, pubs and cafes with the freedom to offer takeaway services; and making it easier for businesses and communities to host markets and stalls so customers can be served safely.
- A generous package of support to businesses and communities, with over £35 billion in financial support since the start of the pandemic.
- Through the £4.8 billion [Levelling Up Fund](#), the £220 million [Community Renewal Fund](#) and the £3.6 billion [Towns Fund](#) the government is investing in long-term infrastructure projects to level up our towns and rural areas and ensure the vitality of our town centres for years to come.
- The government has published its [response to the Parking Code Framework](#) which will curb unfair tickets and tackle cowboy parking firms through a new, simplified appeals process. Caps on private parking fines for millions of motorists are also set to be introduced. This will give drivers more confidence in heading into town knowing they won't be unfairly penalised by rogue operators.

Further information

The 57 places awarded funding today are:

1. Leamington Town Spa, Warwick (Warwickshire) – £10,015,121
2. Nuneaton Town Centre, Nuneaton and Bedworth (Warwickshire) – £13,331,637
3. Wolverhampton City Centre – £15,760,196
4. Walsall – £11,439,967
5. Newcastle-Under-Lyme – £11,048,260
6. Stafford – £14,377,723
7. Tottenham, Haringey – £10,019,647
8. Woolwich Town Centre, Greenwich – £17,150,964
9. Wealdstone, Harrow – £7,448,583
10. Putney Town Centre, Wandsworth – £1,058,706
11. Elland Town Centre, Calderdale (West Yorkshire) – £6,310,812
12. Northallerton, Hambleton (North Yorkshire) – £6,085,013
13. Rotherham – £12,660,708
14. Halifax – £11,762,823
15. Barnsley Town Centre – £15,624,456
16. Scunthorpe – £10,675,323
17. New Ferry, Wirral – £3,213,523
18. Wigan – £16,633,692
19. Crewe – £14,148,128
20. Rochdale (Greater Manchester) – £17,080,457
21. Farnworth, Bolton (Greater Manchester) – £13,276,817
22. Oldham – £10,750,179
23. Kirkham Town Centre, Fylde – £6,290,831
24. Maryport Town Centre, Allerdale – £11,527,839
25. Carlisle City Centre – £9,124,606
26. Plymouth City Centre – £12,046,873
27. Barnstable, North Devon – £6,548,876
28. Newton Abbot, Teignbridge – £9,025,771
29. Paignton, Torbay – £13,363,248
30. Kingswood, South Gloucestershire – £12,555,464
31. Salisbury City Centre – £9,355,301
32. Penzance, Cornwall – £10,403,112
33. Trowbridge, Wiltshire – £16,347,056
34. Yeovil – £9,756,897
35. Taunton, Somerset – £13,962,981
36. Loftus, Redcar and Cleveland – £5,833,526
37. Middlesbrough Centre – £14,170,352
38. Stockton – £16,543,812
39. South Shields – £5,959,187
40. Derby City Centre, St Peters Cross – £15,034,000
41. Sutton-in-Ashfield (Nottinghamshire) – £6,279,871
42. Grantham, South Kesteven (Lincolnshire) – £5,556,042
43. Grimsby (North East Lincolnshire) – £17,280,917
44. Nottingham City Centre, West End Point – £12,523,981
45. Heanor, Amber Valley – £8,592,837
46. Northampton – £8,427,625
47. Buxton, High Peak – £6,608,222

- 48. Dover Town Centre and Waterfront – £3,196,497
- 49. Newhaven, Lewes – £5,004,938
- 50. Chatham Town Centre, Medway – £9,497,720
- 51. Ramsgate, Thanet – £2,704,213
- 52. Commercial Road, Portsmouth – £3,122,375
- 53. Fratton, Portsmouth – £3,858,489
- 54. High Wycombe – £11,779,904
- 55. St Neots, Huntingdonshire – £3,748,815
- 56. March High Street, Fenland – £6,447,129
- 57. Great Yarmouth – £13,774,430

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