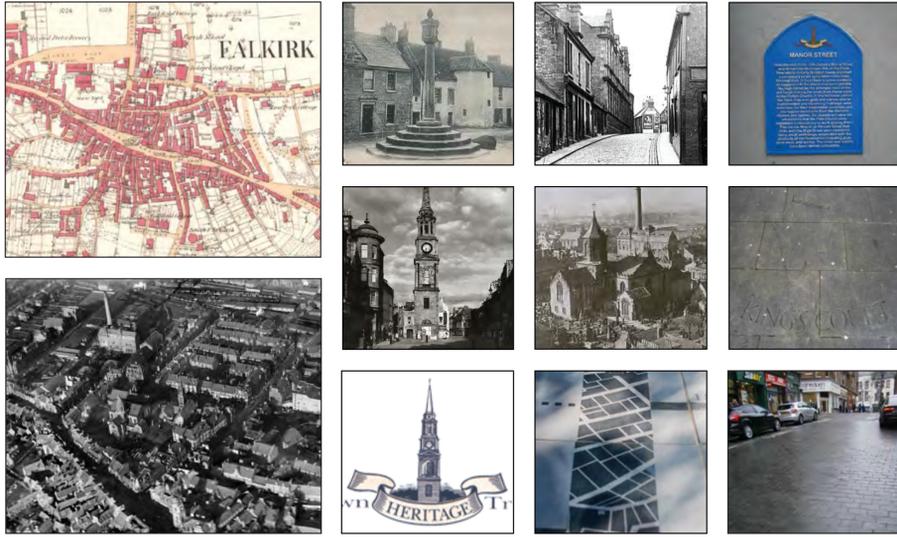


# Falkirk Town Centre THI Streetscape Improvements



## Historical Background

FALKIRK is one of Scotland's most historic towns. The Romans built a fort here as part of the Antonine frontier. Following this, Christian missionaries arrived and set up a church in the 7th century or earlier, probably the parent of our current parish church. The fertile lands of the carse of Falkirk as well as the celebrated Cattle Trysts and unrivalled skill in iron founding brought great prosperity to the area, especially in the 19th and early 20th centuries. As a result the town has many handsome Victorian and Edwardian buildings.

There are many relics of an ancient time which are lost in the mix of different materials and elements in the town. To bring the flair back into the streets we will enhance the streetscape and interpret Falkirk's historic past. The Steeple setting is a significant landmark; the widened area on the High Street is the old Market Place. The current Steeple is more than 200 years old but there has been a steeple in Falkirk for over 400 years. The medieval town of Falkirk evolved around a series of Wynds and Closes some of which remain today.

## Proposal

The entrances to the renewed town centre will be marked with granite sets to guide pedestrians and reinvigorate these existing 'gateways' into the town. The wider kerb with additional granite double lines support the renewed streetscape. The footpaths will be laid with 'Caithness' Stone slabs and the road will be resurfaced; this will enhance the setting of the historic town centre. Closes will be lit up and resurfaced to improve their character and create a more welcoming access to the centre. These will be marked with an engraved stone and an arch feature to provide information and encourage access.

## Existing



### Kerb

Replacement of the existing kerb with a wider granite one and a double line of granite as a drainage channel.



## Future



## Existing

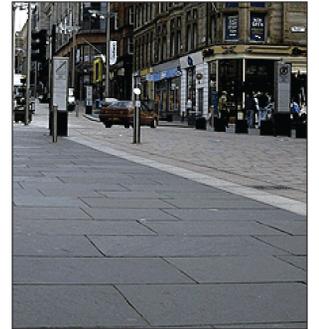


### Footpath

The existing footpath is a mix of different materials which will be changed to 'Caithness' Stone Slabs.

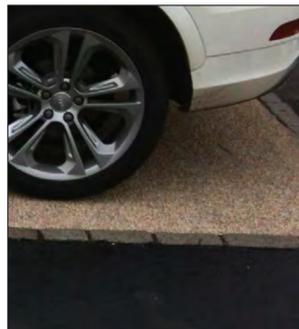


## Future



### Parking spaces

Asphalt with coloured chips in the parking area to create separation from footpath and road.



### Roads

Replacement of the existing asphalt on the road as well as repairing and repointing specific roads.



## Existing



Existing Wynds and Closes get turned into a more friendly place, inviting people to walk through them. At the entrance to each, the Wynd will be signposted and lit. Interpretation will be provided.



## Future

