

Green Route - Fraserburgh Going Green



'Saltoun Square' trees and sculpture

Work has started on the first of a series of artist-led schemes aimed at brightening up the Broch.

The 'Green Route' is part of an ambitious public realm project which aims to improve pedestrian links between the town centre and its picturesque waterfront.

Landscape artist, Julia Barton, drew inspiration from the town's architecture and fishing industry to design a sequence of landscape interventions that will enhance the route from Saltoun Square, along Broad Street and leading to the leisure centre.

The scheme involves mature trees, shrubs, planting containers and seating. Specially designed steel columns in a classic style, displaying white and orange flowering plants, will be fixed to the front of a number of buildings along the route. Phone boxes which are deemed to block the vista looking down to the harbour at Kirk Brae will be removed as part of the proposal.

Local firms have been contracted to carry out the works, including Cullen-based Moray Landscapes and R.Strachan of Fraserburgh, manufacturers of steel, fish factory work and repairs.

George Buchan of Strachan's said, "The artist's work appealed to me as it was a challenge to do something new as most of our work is fishing-industry related. I'm delighted with the attention we have received from the public realm project and pleased that the work will enhance the town centre."

The Green Route is part of an overall project, funded by the EU RevitHar programme, that has been masterminded by artist Jane Kelly and coordinated by Aberdeenshire arts development officer, Saskia Gibbon.

Saskia said, "The scheme has had the backing of community-led Fraserburgh Futures Partnership every step of the way and now that work has started it's very rewarding to see a steady transformation of the town centre take place."

Implementation of the Green Route is expected to be completed by the end of June.

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