

The Boardwalk

The new accessible pathway joining the promenade and harbourside is now complete and is being well used. The planting areas to the rear will be planted this spring, with wildflower seeds chosen to be bee friendly and thrive in this coastal environment.

Public Realm Improvements

The public realm improvements in Senhouse Street are now largely complete.

The lower end of Senhouse Street has been resurfaced with improvement to the pavements and parking as well as the installation of new planters and seating areas. New marked off-street parking bays have been created at the top of Furnace Lane.

A new pocket park has been created at the corner of Crosby Street and John Street and the raised planting bays have been planted up by community volunteers. A local artist, working with local volunteers, has also created new street art on the rear wall to complement the mural behind it on the wall of the Butcher's Arms pub.

Fantastic new signs have been installed throughout the town, signposting routes to the main attractions and services.

Love Maryport Living

The project to create a total of 16 new flats above shops in Senhouse Street is now largely completed and a number of the new units have been marketed. The final properties are due to be finished off imminently.

Maryport Activity Centre

Following a public vote the Wave will be renamed as Maryport Activity Centre. Planning permission has been granted for alterations to the building and the centre will be closed at the end of May to allow works to take place.

The new and improved Maryport Activity Centre will include a new adventure play centre for young children, improvements to the Clip n' Climb attraction, new multipurpose studio space, a community meeting space, party rooms, and a better gymnasium will all be created.

Outside there will be a new bike hub, along with more attractive landscaping. The entrance area will also be improved.

Harbourside Events Space

A planning application has been submitted to create a new events space on the grassed area next to the Shiver Me Timbers Play area.

It is expected to include a purpose-built stage for live entertainment with amphitheatre-style banking where the audience can sit. There will also be a bar created from repurposed shipping containers, and a marquee space which will be flexible for different events, whether that's the Taste Cumbria food festival, pop-up music or family festivals, or even markets.



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Play Area

The aged Shiver Me Timbers play park on the harbourside is to be replaced with a colourful new adventure play area and a splash park. A public consultation took place recently to choose the design with 1500 people taking part, including more than 130 children voting through their schools. 70% of respondents chose the 'Pirate' themed design.

The new play area will incorporate a splash park, something which ranks highly with locals when asked, along with slides, swings, a zipwire and more. The facilities will be designed for youngsters of all ages, including those who need accessible play equipment, and there will be seating for parents and carers.

The final site plan is now being finalised and work is due to start and finish this summer.

Promenade

A planning application is to be submitted for a new café building on the site of the disused toilet block on the Promenade. A tenant is being sought to operate the new café with the property being marketed by property agent Edwin Thompson.

A new stake park and wheeled sports facility will be built adjacent to the café. Following a recent tender exercise and consultation with stakeholders a contract for the construction of this new facility will be awarded imminently.

Cumberland Council is currently undertaking some related works to improve the hard and soft landscaping close to the café site and around Sea Brow Gardens

Christ Church

The works to refurbish Christ Church to provide a new permanent home for Maryport Maritime Museum are well underway with scaffolding now taken down from the exterior of the building. Once the building works have been completed a separate contractor will move in to complete the fit out of the new museum.

The former home of the Maritime Museum at Shipping Brow has now opened as an art gallery.

The Carlton

Construction works to convert the former Carlton Cinema to a new community arts, music, and theatre venue is well underway. The ground floor of the building has been lowered to create a large performance space, and obstructive interior walls have been removed to maximise the capacity. On the upper floors, original windows have been reinstated and rooflights fitted. The first floor will be workshop space for creatives, with rehearsal and sound recording rooms. The second floor will become additional commercial space, which could be offices or additional creative space, depending on the future tenants.

Following discussions with stakeholders a planning application was submitted, and recently approved, to amend the scheme to increase the audience capacity in the main ground floor auditorium and to ensure that the space is as flexible as possible for the future.



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