



Update on the Peckham Townscape Heritage Initiative *summer 2018*

Phase 1 of the Capital Works:

Three properties within Peckham town centre are currently being repaired and restored through the Peckham Townscape Heritage Initiative (the THI). Work is being carried out by Triton Building Restoration Ltd.

The three properties are: 130 Peckham Hill Street, 119 Peckham Hill Street and 116 Peckham Hill Street. *See page 2 for pictures.*

Phase 2 of the Capital Works:

Designs and schemes of work are being finalised by the architects JKA in consultation with owners and retailers of four further buildings. Work is underway to appoint a contractor by the end of the year so that Phase 2 works can start early in 2019.

Background to the Peckham Townscape Heritage Initiative

The Heritage Lottery Fund awarded £1.675m to the Peckham THI at the end of 2014. This was the result of many years of work to promote awareness of the town centre's historic built environment by Peckham Vision and the Peckham Society.

The bid to secure the funding was prepared by Southwark Council's Design and Conservation Team in partnership with the local groups. Designating the *Rye Lane Peckham Conservation Area* to cover the town centre was required in order to secure the funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

PHASE 1 PROPERTIES—due for completion Oct 2018

130 Peckham Hill Street



116 Peckham High Street



119 Peckham High Street



HOW THE PECKHAM THI WORKS

Eligible Buildings and Eligible Works

Forty four buildings in Peckham town centre have been identified as having architectural and heritage merit. Many of these are at key junctions in the town centre and so have a considerable impact on the area. The THI works by offering to carry out repair and restoration works to these properties if the building owner and retailer contribute match-funding. The grant-rates available are 88% towards restoration works and 63% towards repair works.

The works cannot be carried out unless the owners and retailers want to work in partnership with the project. Securing this agreement is the time-consuming element of this kind of project.

The Heritage Lottery Fund has detailed criteria about what is classed as eligible works. Buildings must be restored using traditional materials and construction techniques.

PECKHAM HERITAGE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

This group of local people, local groups, elected councillors and council officers meets quarterly to maintain an overview of the Peckham THI.

In addition, the group has been allocating funds to community projects that promote learning about heritage buildings, the conservation area and local history, including:

- The latest project, the **Peckham History Trail - a walk for families**, available from the library and through the project's website www.peckhamheritage.org.uk

- A project run by OurHut who developed workshops in primary schools to use local history and architecture as a springboard for learning. The resource is available free for all primary schools in Southwark to access from the website and all NTQs in Southwark have been trained to use it.

- A series of Peckham Heritage Talks including one on *Managing Change in Conservation Areas* and one on the restoration of the Old Waiting Room at Peckham Station.

The Peckham THI works in partnership with other council teams:

Planning Enforcement used its planning powers to force the owner of this historic building which had been left derelict for many years to carry out repairs. The building is now watertight and has had windows and guttering repaired.



Other successful enforcement actions have taken place, and more are underway.

This council-owned building at 91 Peckham High Street and its neighbour at 93, will be repaired and restored as part of the redevelopment works to Library Square.



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