

# Colwyn Bay Waterfront Project

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Welcome to the sixteenth edition of the Colwyn Bay Waterfront Project Newsletter!

## Landscaping Work

The landscaping work which began in February around Marine Road and surrounding area has recently been completed. The work, funded by Welsh Government's Vibrant and Viable Places Scheme saw the renewing of footways and also the installation of seating units and planting beds at the junction of Marine Road. These public realm improvements are designed to complement the work which will be undertaken on the opposite side of the highway as part of Phase 2 of the Waterfront Project. The style and appearance of paving and surfacing used is in keeping with that use between Porth Eirias and the Pier with the aim of creating a modern, attractive and coordinated Waterfront environment.



## Town Link

Further improvements have been carried out on the Town Link opposite the Pier, with two monolith way-finding units installed on each approach along with extensive landscaping on the embankments. The eastern section has seen the surfacing renewed and the timber kick boards replaced. The Town Link has undergone a transformation in the last 12 months and is now a safer, more welcoming connection between the Town and the Promenade. This is vital to ensuring the work undertaken on the Waterfront benefits the Town, its residents and visitors.

## School Trip

On May 1st nearly 100 Year Three and Four pupils from Ysgol Clawdd Offa in Prestatyn visited the Waterfront to see the work which had been completed as Phase 1 of the project and also to learn about the processes and problems which are encountered along our coastline. As well as exploring the beach at Porth Eirias and walking along the promenade to Rhos on Sea, pupils were given an overview of the project and of the considerations which determine the work which is undertaken on our coastline.



## Design Team

A consultant design team has been appointed for Phase 2 of the Waterfront Project and work will now commence on designing the next phase of the Project. Phase 2 will focus on the area of promenade extending westwards from the pier to the eastern extent of the Cayley embankment. An information day will be held in the coming months to allow people to view and give comment on the proposed designs. Details of these events will be published in the local press and on the Waterfront webpage.

## Benches

The first element of the artistic input into the scheme was installed in March, with ten seating units located on a headland space between Porth Eirias and the Pier. The benches were designed and manufactured by Freshwest Design, with support from Arts Council Wales, and are bespoke to Colwyn Bay. They are manufactured from Kebony, a sustainable and environmentally friendly timber, which will naturally develop a silver patina over time.