

Progress with Rhyl Going Forward Projects since 2013

The Rhyl Going Forward Neighbourhood & Places Annual Report in 2013 reported on progress with the programme up to that point and identified further work to be completed over the next 2 years.

Since that 2013 report, progress has been as follows:

West Rhyl Housing Improvement

We said we would:	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire all the remaining properties needed to deliver the project 	Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocate all remaining residents in the properties affected 	Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have partners in place to renovate and/or construct the replacement properties 	2 development zones yet to be allocated. Discussions under way.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete design and construction of the green space (Urban Park) 	Completed

Tourism & the Coastal Strip

We said we would:	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter the beach at Rhyl for a Seaside Award 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demolish the former Honey Club 	Complete
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate construction and opening of new hotel on Honey Club site 	Agreement reached with Premier Inn. Construction starting early 2016 with opening date scheduled for early 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a business case for a new Aquatics Centre to replace the Sun Centre 	Complete, leading to Rhyl Waterfront project through development partner approach with Neptune Developments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a Harbour Empowerment Order in place to allow effective management of the new Harbour 	In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraged the Ocean Plaza developers to bring forward proposals for a new scheme on the old funfair site 	Planning permission for revised scheme agreed. Work to start on site early 2016.

We have also completed Phase 3 of the West Rhyl Coastal Defence scheme, creating an improved promenade and public realm in the area.

Town Centre

We said we would:	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree a Town Centre strategy to reflect changing market conditions 	Not started
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a Development Brief for the Queens Market development zone 	Not started, although funding has been secured to improve buildings on the edge of the zone along Queen Street
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See completion of Network Rail's upgrade to Rhyl Railway station 	Complete

We have also undertaken a significant improvement scheme to Rhyl High Street public realm.

Live & Work in Rhyl

We said we would:	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Town & Area Plan to identify priority actions within the local area 	Complete
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed designs for Rhyl New School 	Complete, with construction work due to finish in mid 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraged BCUHB to finalise the business case for redevelopment of community hospital facilities in the town 	In progress

We have also funded, with partners, a 3 year Perceptions campaign to tackle negative stereotypes and perceptions of Rhyl and promote it as a place to live, work and visit.

Completion of Phase 3 of the West Rhyl Coastal Defences has improved flood protection in West Rhyl and protected a further (4,700) properties. Work is underway to design and deliver improved flood protection in East Rhyl following the 2013 floods.