

Forres Historic Shopfronts Appraisal & Grant Scheme

Forres Conservation and Heritage Scheme

Bringing Forres' Historic Shopfronts Back to Life

Forres is home to a remarkable collection of historic shopfronts that give the town centre its unique character and charm. Over time, some original features have been lost or covered up.

The Historic Shopfronts Appraisal and Grant Scheme is a unique opportunity to restore these important details, enhance the appearance of your property, and contribute to the wider regeneration of the Forres Conservation Area.

What is the Shopfront Appraisal?

- A free condition assessment of your shopfront to identify repairs and suitable improvements.
- Includes a clear repair strategy and cost estimates.
- Includes recommendations for reinstatement of original features.
- Support for shop owners/tenants to apply for funding through the Historic Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme.

What is the Historic Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme?

- Grants of up to 70% to carry out eligible external repairs and improvement works.
- Support available to guide you through the application process.
- Funding available on a first come, first served basis.
- Aims to support the conservation and enhancement of at least 7 shopfronts within the Forres Conservation Area.

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What Improvements Could Be Funded?

The scheme can help restore your shopfront to reflect its historic character. Works might include:

- Removing modern paint, plastics, or cladding not originally present.
- Restoring or reinstating ironwork, console brackets, blind boxes and awnings.
- Repairing or reinstating original glazed shop windows, timber doors and panelled stall risers.
- Reintroducing historic-style signage sympathetic to the building and street.
- Repair and conservation of masonry, timber, glass, and traditional decorative detailing.

Why Get Involved?

- ✓ Enhance the appearance and value of your property.
- ✓ Attract more customers with an authentic and distinctive frontage.
- ✓ Benefit from expert conservation advice and a free appraisal of your shopfront.
- ✓ Access grant funding towards eligible repair and improvement works.
- ✓ Join other local businesses in strengthening the identity and vitality of Forres town centre.

How to Take Part

1. Register your interest in the free appraisal by the deadline.
2. Your shopfront will be surveyed and a tailored report prepared.
3. If eligible, you'll be invited to apply for a grant towards the recommended works.

Register Your Interest

- Email ForresCHScheme@moray.gov.uk by 01 October 2025

Help us celebrate and protect Forres' historic town centre. Together, we can reinstate the details that make our streetscape special – and keep them thriving for future generations.

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