

CONNAH'S QUAY

PLACE MAKING ACTION PLAN (2026-2028)

A 28-Project Plan to improve Connah's Quay by 2028: led by Flintshire County Council (FCC), Connah's Quay Town Council, and Partner Organisations

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Connah's Quay Place Making Plan was informed by 1600 contributions from local people

Placemaking is about shaping places around the needs and aspirations of people who live, work and visit them. It is a collaborative process that brings together local knowledge, ideas and resources to improve public spaces, strengthen community ties, and support economic, social and environmental wellbeing.

The Connah's Quay Place Making Action Plan (PMAP) has been shaped through extensive consultation with local residents, businesses, community groups, and service providers. Their insights and priorities have helped

define a shared vision for Connah's Quay's future.

This Action Plan (2026-2028) sets out a framework for delivery based on the 8 priorities laid out in the Connah's Quay Place Making Plan. It outlines 28 practical projects that local partners are committed to delivering. While the projects depend on funding from a range of sources that are not necessarily guaranteed, they reflect a strong, collective ambition to create positive change for Connah's Quay by 2028.

Priority 01

Improving the main road (B5129) through Connah's Quay

Flintshire Destination Management Plan

To be delivered by:

FCC Tourism Team

Purpose:

Promote Connah's Quay as a destination and improve how people experience and arrive in the town via key routes.

Impact by 2028:

A stronger sense of arrival, improved visibility of the town, and increased visitor numbers supporting the local economy.



Priority 02

Improving the High Street precinct area

Town Centre Property Improvement Grant (TCPIG)

To be delivered by: FCC Regeneration Team

Purpose: Provide grants to improve shopfronts and bring empty units back into use.

Impact by 2028: More active, attractive high street with fewer vacancies.

Motor World Building Refurbishment

To be delivered by: FCC Regeneration Team

Purpose: Provide grant funding to develop a vacant building into a café.

Impact by 2028: Increased footfall and town centre activity.

Christmas Fayre

To be delivered by: Connah's Quay Town Council

Purpose: Deliver a festive event to attract visitors and support traders.

Impact by 2028: Busier town centre and increased seasonal trade.



Priority 03

Uniting the areas of Connah's Quay



Connah's Quay Placemaking Working Group

To be delivered by: Connah's Quay Town Council

Purpose: Bring together partners, businesses and community representatives to coordinate projects and align priorities.

Impact by 2028: Better joined-up delivery, stronger more effective partnerships.

Annual Festival (Wepre Park)

To be delivered by: Connah's Quay Town Council

Purpose: Bring communities together through a shared event.

Impact by 2028: Stronger community identity and cohesion.

Deeside Through Time Project

To be delivered by: FCC Tourism Team

Purpose: Capture and celebrate the shared heritage of communities along the River Dee.

Impact by 2028: Greater understanding of local identity and stronger links between communities.

Priority 04

Improving connectivity

Safer Routes in Communities

To be delivered by:

FCC Transport Strategy Team

Purpose: Improve walking and cycling routes to schools to make everyday journeys safer and easier.

Impact by 2028: Increased active travel, safer routes for families and better connections across the town.

Highvale Footpath Improvements

To be delivered by: Connah's Quay Town Council / County Councillors

Purpose: Upgrade a key footpath through a green/wetland area to improve access for all users.

Impact by 2028:

More accessible routes linking neighbourhoods and encouraging outdoor use.



Key

Each priority is represented by a unique colour.

Projects may have multiple coloured dots to show that they contribute to more than one priority.

How to read it:

A project with one dot supports that single priority.

A project with multiple dots supports several priorities.

- Priority 1
- Priority 2
- Priority 3
- Priority 4
- Priority 5
- Priority 6
- Priority 7
- Priority 8



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Priority 05

Keeping the Town Clean, Safe and Welcoming

BAC-UP Community Clean-Up ●●

To be delivered by:

Connah's Quay Town Council

Purpose: Support volunteer-led litter picking and environmental clean-ups across the town.

Impact by 2028: Cleaner public spaces, improved appearance and stronger community pride.

Barmouth Close & Hillside Green Space Improvements ●

To be delivered by: Connah's Quay Town Council / County Councillors

Purpose: Improve seating, visibility, pathways and the overall condition of a local green space.

Impact by 2028: A safer, more welcoming area that is well-used and valued by local residents.

Cambrian Aquatics Site Improvements ●●

To be delivered by: Cambrian Aquatics

Purpose: Explore options and designs to improve the external site and parking area.

Impact by 2028: Clear proposals to support a safer, better used and well-presented space.

Green Infrastructure Audit Improvements ●●



To be delivered by:

FCC Access and Natural Environment Team

Purpose:

Deliver priority actions identified through local Green Infrastructure Audits to improve the quality and resilience of green spaces.

Impact by 2028:

Increased community awareness of green infrastructure benefits, with at least one improvement project delivered.



Priority 06

Local people, passion and activity

Community Hub Support ●

To be delivered by:

FCC Community Development Team

Purpose: Providing support to groups offering a warm place to local people.

Impact by 2028: Groups supported to deliver warm spaces

Community Awards Programme ●

To be delivered by: Connah's Quay Town Council

Purpose: Recognise and celebrate individuals/groups making a positive contribution to the town.

Impact by 2028: Increased civic pride, stronger community spirit and involvement.

Youth Club & Summer Playscheme ●●●●



To be delivered by: FCC Youth & Play Team

Purpose: Provide safe, inclusive activities for children and young people throughout the year.

Impact by 2028: More confident, active young people with stronger social connections.

Dock Road Darts Academy ●●●●

To be delivered by: Connah's Quay Town Council

Purpose:

Support the development of a new leisure facility.

Impact by 2028: Increased participation in local activities and a more vibrant community life.

Social Prescribing Service ●●

To be delivered by:

Flintshire Local Voluntary Council (FLVC)

Purpose:

Connect people to local wellbeing support

Impact by 2028:

Better connected communities with health and wellbeing

Volunteering Support Service ●●

To be delivered by:

Flintshire Local Voluntary Council (FLVC)

Purpose:

Help residents find and take part in volunteering opportunities.

Impact by 2028:

Increased volunteering, stronger community networks and skill development.

Age Friendly Communities Programme ●

To be delivered by: FCC Ageing Well Team

Purpose:

Engage older residents in shaping services and plans.

Impact by 2028:

Increased older people's voices in town decisions

Cambrian Aquatics Facility Modernisation ●●●●



To be delivered by: Cambrian Aquatics

Purpose:

Develop plans to upgrade facilities and expand wellbeing activities.

Impact by 2028:

A defined programme of improvements supporting increased participation over time.



Priority 07

A Place for Learning and Skills development

Forest School at Connah's Quay High School ●●●●

To be delivered by: Community Focused Schools

Purpose: Create an outdoor learning space to support practical skills, education and wellbeing.

Impact by 2028: Improved educational outcomes, life skills and wellbeing for young people.

Work Experience Programme ●●

To be delivered by:

Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)

Purpose: Increase access to voluntary work experience placements, particularly for young people not in education, employment or training.

Impact by 2028: More young people gaining experience and confidence, supporting progression into employment, education or training.



Priority 07

A Place for Learning and Skills development

Community Outreach Pilot (Mobile Service) ●●

To be delivered by:

Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)

Purpose: Test more flexible ways of delivering Jobcentre support within communities, including outreach in accessible local settings.

Impact by 2028: Improved access to employment support, with more residents able to engage with services in ways that suit them.

Priority 08

Growing a Greener Connah's Quay

Town Centre Civic Space ●

To be delivered by: FCC Regeneration Team

Purpose: Explore options to improve the cleared former offices site between the library and civic hall.

Impact by 2028: A more usable space supporting access and some green provision.

Tree Planting Initiative with Schools ●●●●



To be delivered by: Connah's Quay Town Council

Purpose: Plant trees with schools to improve the environment and engage young people.

Impact by 2028: Greener neighbourhoods and greater environmental awareness among residents.

Delivery of Urban Tree Planting ●

To be delivered by:

FCC Access and Natural Environment Team

Purpose: Deliver urban tree planting schemes to increase tree cover, support biodiversity and improve the local environment.

Impact by 2028: Increased community awareness of the benefits of trees, with at least one tree planting scheme delivered.

Pollinator Habitat Creation and Enhancement ●

To be delivered by:

FCC Access and Natural Environment Team

Purpose: Create or enhance habitats for pollinators through measures such as wildflower planting, reduced mowing and nature-friendly management.

Impact by 2028: Improved biodiversity, increased awareness of the value of natural spaces and at least one habitat enhancement scheme delivered.

