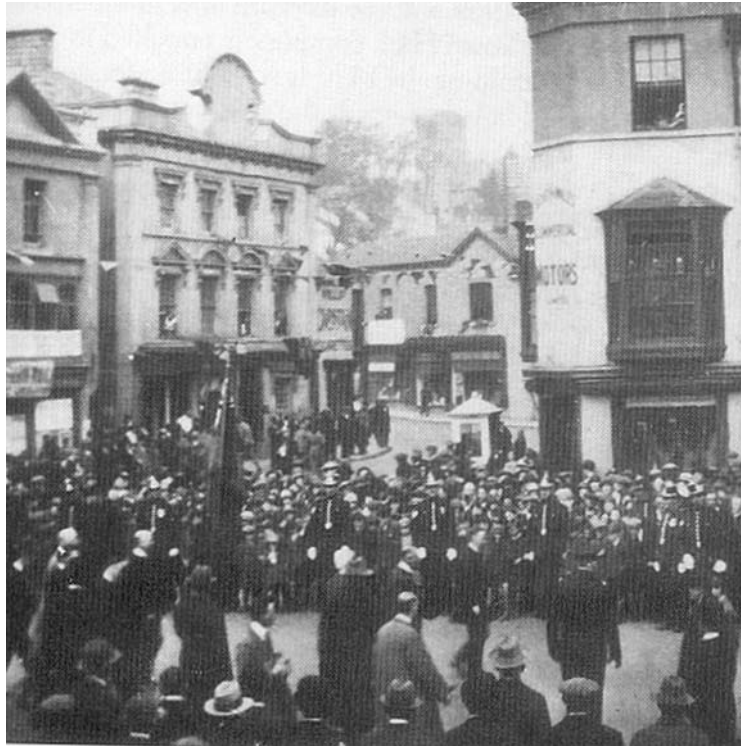


APPENDIX A



**Bridgend Townscape Heritage
Initiative
Progress to September 2008**

Background

In April 2005 the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) awarded £910,000 under the Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) grant scheme for the Bridgend Town Centre Conservation Area 2005-2010. With match funding the total scheme equates to over **£1.4 million**. The designated THI area comprises Dunraven Place and Elder Street. There is high demand for the fund.

To date 7 schemes have been completed, with one on site and three awaiting approval. Other schemes are being held on a waiting list in anticipation of a Phase 2 stage 1 approval, which is to be submitted in November 2008.

10 -12 Dunraven Place, the first, largest and most prominent scheme, has been awarded the International Green Apple Environment Award for enhancing our built environment and architectural heritage. Professor David Bellamy OBE presented the award at The Tower of London on Monday, June 2nd, 2008.

The Bridgend THI has developed a reputation for quality, design and attention to detail, so much so that the HLF are now using Bridgend County Borough THI Schemes as exemplars of best practice.

An Information Day has been arranged for the 31st July 2008 when BCBC Members and officers will welcome Torfaen CBC Officers and Members to the County Borough and showcase both the Maesteg and Bridgend THI areas. They will present information on how to administer a successful THI scheme and offer further advice.

The Bridgend THI Area

The Old Stone Bridge

During 2005 works by CADW and BCBC totalling over £80,000 funded were undertaken. The repair and reinstatement work to this scheduled Ancient monument included widening of the footway. The Bridge has since won a Bridgend Civic Trust Award. Although not funded by the THI scheme the reinstatement works to the Bridge make an important contribution to the overall successful regeneration of Dunraven Place.



The Old Stone Bridge prior to restoration works. The Old Stone Bridge after restoration works in 2007.

The River Walkway



The river walkway project will provide improved enjoyment of the river by residents and visitors alike. The major benefit of the walkway and footbridge will be to attract new businesses, investment and development in Bridgend town centre, particularly those with a riverside location, all of which are within the THI area. The walkway will be complete in October 2008.

Ongoing consultation continuing with local businesses and property owners in Queen Street and Dunraven Place is bringing forward new THI applications for works to include the rear of properties.

10-12 Dunraven Place

10-12 Dunraven place is an imposing late Georgian Grade II listed building dating from around 1830, located adjacent to the Old Bridge at the heart of the THI Area. The property currently provides a home for five businesses with a mix of retail and office use.

The THI grant aid was offered to restore the Impressive stone detailing and pediment to the front façade, to reinstate stone details and to repair/reinstate the slate roof, sash windows and traditional shopfront. This was the first and to date the largest building to receive grant aid that now makes a significant impact on the area.

Outputs:

Jobs Created	2
Jobs Safeguarded	56
Businesses Supported	5



10-12 Dunraven Place 1947



Before THI works



After THI works August 2007

8 Dunraven Place

This property has benefited from refurbishment works to enhance both the front and rear elevations. The signage and traditional shop front with bold colour scheme significantly add to other improvements underway in the THI area. The signage on this scheme has been particularly well designed to maximum effect.

Outputs:

Jobs Safeguarded	10
Businesses Supported	2



Before



After

4-6 Dunraven Place

This double fronted shopfront has benefited from a reinstated slate roof, lime rendering, sash windows to the first floor, and a traditional shopfront with distinctive colour scheme.

Outputs:

Jobs Created	2
Jobs Safeguarded	5
Businesses Supported	2



Before



After

2 Dunraven Place

This small yet prominent building is at the west entrance to Dunraven Place. All elevations are highly visible the building has received THI grant aid to reinstate the slate roof, lime rendering and traditional shopfront. In addition, a large advertising hoarding has been removed, it has had individually designed art work to a blanked window on the front elevation, large traditional sign writing to the side elevation and a swinging sign.

Outputs:

Jobs Safeguarded 3
Businesses Supported 2



Before



After

1D Dunraven Place

This property is located at the top end of Dunraven Place and has benefited from the reinstatement of a slate roof and a new traditional shopfront. Hand painted signage has been used. The reinstated lime rendering has a rusticated finish to the ground floor.

Outputs:

Jobs Safeguarded 6
Businesses Supported 1



Before



After

3 Dunraven Place

This property is a 3-storey, late Georgian Grade II listed building facing up Dunraven Place and 2-storey early C19 building behind 1d Dunraven Place.

Works currently on site include the re-rendering and repair to render on 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors of the front elevation. In addition the reinstatement of original 6 over 6 sash windows, re-slating of the roof and repair of chimneys is also included.

A decorative triangular stone pediment is to be reinstated in a similar way to that on No's 10-12.

Outputs:

Jobs Safeguarded	10
Businesses Supported	2



Before

5 Dunraven Place



No. 5 Front Elevation



No 5 Rear Garden

This property is a building of local architectural and historical importance. It is of group value with adjacent buildings in the corner of Dunraven Place and to North East side of Dunraven Place.

It is a dwelling fronting the street scene and is assumed to be built circa 1850's, the cottage attached at the rear is of an earlier period. There is a large mature walled garden at the rear, the only green space left in Bridgend Town Centre.

A THI application is currently being prepared and an application for Planning Permission is currently being considered.

The Arts & Culture Service of BCBC has identified a need for a gallery in the Town centre. The THI officer is working with a project team including the owners and a feasibility study on the potential for this end use is currently being completed. The study will **'assess the feasibility of developing a sustainable multi-functional facility, thereby preserving the building, 5 Dunraven Place, for public use.'** Depending on the outcome of the study it is likely that the end use of the building will be a mix of restaurant and office space with ideally gallery provision in the ground floor annex.



Outputs:

Jobs Created	N/K
Jobs Safeguarded	N/K
Businesses Supported	3 Potentially

1-3 Market Street

'IL Paninos' is a prominent corner property providing a central gateway to the THI area. The Townscape Heritage Initiative funding was offered to assist the reinstatement of traditionally styled windows, bay windows to the first floor, new cornices, lime render and traditional signage. The swinging sign is unique to this property.

Outputs:

Jobs Safeguarded	5
Businesses Supported	1



Before



After

2 -4 Queen Street

This is a building of architectural and local historical importance dating from the C19. The front-façade is of the Victorian period, but the rear of the property is Georgian.

The stone built Cottage and former 'lean to' outbuilding at the rear suffered from fire damage some time ago leaving both structures in a dilapidated condition. The original building facing the street was one of the most complete buildings in the THI Area. When complete this building group when fully reinstated will be able to be accessed via the proposed boardwalk to the east side of the Ogmore River.

Outputs:

Jobs Created	8
Jobs Safeguarded	6
Businesses Created	2



Before THI Grant



After THI Grant

Dunraven Terrace

This very important terrace is central to the success of the THI scheme. A design brief is being finalised specifically for these properties and will be the subject of a Supplementary Planning Guidance which will be adopted in the Autumn of 2008.

The following graphic offers a suggested approach to the restoration of the terrace.



Further schemes within the Terrace which are at various stages of application:

30 Dunraven Place, below, is currently awaiting approval.



14 & 18 Dunraven Place, are currently preparing applications.



Elder Yard

Elder Yard once formed a main thoroughfare from the Nolton area of Bridgend to the Old Bridge and nearby market place, and has probably done so since the time of the town's 15th century origins. As well as providing residential accommodation, the buildings have had commercial uses including the Red Lion public house and an undertakers business.

1-11 Elder Street and the parallel range to the rear were listed in September 1986. They form a single listing grade II : **"listed for its special interest as a surviving and largely unspoilt example the traditional C19th townscape- the last of its kind to remain in Bridgend."** additionally it is listed for **"group value with the Wyndham Hotel"**



Elder Yard 1960s



Elder yard concept from the THI bid, with glazed atrium.

Since the time of listing none of the buildings have been occupied and as a result have fallen increasingly into disrepair. No. 1 Elder Street burnt down in 1994, much of no. 3 has been demolished, and most of the slate roof covering of all the properties has been removed. Nonetheless, there is sufficient original fabric remaining to enable a full restoration of the listed buildings.

Elder Yard was identified as a 'Critical Project' within the Bridgend THI bid, with support from the owners. An outline proposal to develop the area for retail and craft uses conserving the original streetscape forms part of the THI approval for funding, that runs from 2005 - 2010. Grant aid is ring fenced specifically for the Elder Street project and cannot be used to fund works on any other properties in the THI area.

Discussions are currently underway with the property owners to agree a scheme design.