## **FORT WILLIAM**

Fort William High Street may not be the most architecturally beautiful street but unlike most High Streets it does have the benefit of being at the centre of some world class scenery. From our High Street we catch glimpses of Loch Linnhe and the surrounding mountains tower over us. There can't be many High Streets in Scotland that are also part of a long distance walk, weary travellers on the West Highland Way make their way along the street, maybe buying much needed ice-cream or foot plasters along the way, to finally sit

beside our "Sare Feet" statue for a much needed rest and maybe a photo!



We are very lucky to have a large green space, The Parade, forming one end of our High Street which is also part of the West Highland Way route. Its tidy lawns, flower beds and hanging baskets are an ordered and peaceful place compared to the rugged terrain around us. Much loved by locals and visitors it is a beautiful place to sit, picnic, play or maybe just watch the world go by.



However the greatest beauty in our High Street is its transformation by volunteers, local businesses and partner agencies from an unloved and neglected space to a busy and vibrant place both during the day and evening. Our newly designed town square surrounded by traditional buildings is proof, if it were needed, that old and new can sit comfortably together. We have exciting new shops and eateries joining the existing businesses bringing a new and much need dynamic to our town.

So what makes our High Street beautiful? Well how about an interesting mix of modern and traditional buildings mixed with private residences, modern art work, green spaces and stunning scenery along with a fiery determination to make our town better?