

Project Summary

Client **North Ayrshire Council/
Irvine Bay Regeneration Company**

Rejuvenation of an historic town

An award winning project, the regeneration of Bridgewater Square in Irvine was part of a wider programme of improvements by North Ayrshire and Irvine Bay Regeneration Company and has completely rejuvenated the historic heart of the town.

The outcome was an urban piazza, opening up connections to the landmark Trinity Church and bringing together the new and historic aspects of Irvine Town Centre.

The space is highly flexible and immediately following completion hosted farmers and Christmas markets, drawing people to the town centre.

Land Engineering's role

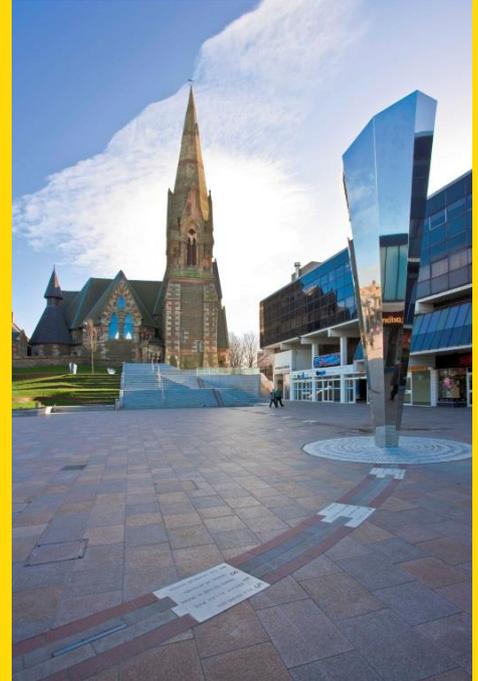
Land Engineering carried out the high quality natural stone public realm works to an area approximately 5,500 m² enclosed by Rivergate Shopping Centre, Bridgewater House, High Street, Hill Street and A listed former Trinity Church.

The scope of works included:

- Site clearance, drainage and ducting:
- Public utility installation and diversion
- Waterproofing of existing basement structures to retail units.
- High quality natural stone paving of public square
- New and imposing granite steps up to Trinity Church
- Public art sculpture
- Reinforced concrete seating wall and street furniture
- Power and feature lighting and CCTV
- Soft landscaping
- Restoration of existing stone walls associated with the Trinity Church.
- Resurfacing of existing junction at High Street.

Local Economic Regeneration

Regeneration projects such as this are important for industry and help make our towns more attractive places to live and work in, while helping to attract more visitors to the area. Additionally, such projects are also important for the local economy and employment sector. A truly successful local project can be determined by the employment and opportunities it provides.



Local Economic Regeneration

As Principal Contractor, Land Engineering were determined that the structural integrity and longevity of the works should be of the highest order. However, Community Benefit was central to the success of the project and the company managed and delivered a training and employment programme for 9 local people. This resulted in 6 of the trainees achieving their Modern Apprenticeship SVQ level 2 and CSCS cards which helped give them a kick start into work and put their skills and knowledge to good use. On completion of the project, Land Engineering ensured the programme provided meaningful and sustainable employment opportunities, with 6 of the 9 trainees continuing employment with Land Engineering at the end of the Bridgeway works.

In addition, four young people also benefited from work experience through the Princes Trust, facilitated by Land Engineering.

Challenges successfully managed

Works in a live retail environment: we liaised with shopkeepers and maintained good relationships throughout our works. Priority was given to maintaining access for pedestrians throughout our works.

Working adjacent to a live carriageway: robust traffic and pedestrian management was required whilst carrying out ducting, groundworks, kerbing and paving works at the busy High Street Junction.

