

Headland Bandstand restoration – information and progression

The amphitheatre on Hartlepool's Headland, known locally as the Headland Bandstand, is a landmark site. Built in the late 1800s, it created a place for civic, community and cultural life and served as a viewing platform for the historic Elephant Rock, which stood adjacent to the site.

For a large part of its life, a traditional bandstand was located at the north-west end of the site, giving the amphitheatre its name. This bandstand area will be acknowledged within the restored site.

The restoration was first proposed in 2019 - a structural survey of the site identified that the upper promenade was in need of repair - and development work commenced on 22nd March 2021. The works will be completed in September 2021.





Artist's impression of how the restored amphitheatre will look.

The event space will be managed by the Council's Cultural Services Department as a performance venue alongside the Borough Hall and Town Hall Theatre. It is proposed to deliver open air performances in the spring/summer seasons, whilst supporting community groups to use and hire the space for events and activities.

Booking information, including event support, advice and terms and conditions, will be available in the coming months.

A series of public consultations will be advertised in the coming weeks where we will look forward to hearing your ideas and we can share our updates with you.

We look forward to seeing you enjoy this event space with your families, friends and community groups; creating new memories and experiences at our striking Headland.

For more details of the restoration project go to www.hartlepool.gov.uk/headland-event-space

