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URBAN RENEWAL– The Headland Town Square

Contract	Value	Location
49 Weeks	£1.4m	Hartlepool

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Project Description:

The Headland Town Square is an example of collaborative working involving client, designer, contractor and the community to deliver a prestigious project to time, to budget and to a high quality.

The £1.8m restoration of the historic town square has created a formal square in front of the Borough Hall plus a history garden and a new building incorporating a clock tower, public toilets and information centre for visitors.

The square is paved with granite blocks and bordered by a sandstone wall and seating. Set into the centre of this large paved area - which has been designed to accommodate community activities and events - is a sandstone compass design, with each of the four points featuring the ancient Hartlepool Seal.

Steps from the square lead into the history garden - a classical garden layout featuring low hedges, shrub beds and 26 benches in traditional cast iron. It is bordered by a combination of traditional stone walls and cast iron railings incorporating different designs echoing headland history.

The snaking footpath through the garden area takes the form of a timeline charting the history of Hartlepool from roman times to the present day.

The local primary school was encouraged to take an interest and was invited to bury a time capsule in the works. The community involvement was impressive at all stages of development of the scheme and at the end of the job Seymour laid on a community party to celebrate the completion of the works.

As the area has significant historical value an archaeological dig by the County Archaeologist was organised to precede construction, facilitated by Seymour.

The artefacts uncovered are on display at the Hartlepool Museum on the Quayside.

