

## **Bishop Auckland Town Hall | £1.5 million refurbishment to creative culture hub**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NFsP3jiVFLo&feature=youtu.be>

[Slideshow of images of Bishop Auckland Town Hall – historic and current images]

[male voice narrator] Bishop Auckland Town Hall is an instantly recognisable landmark – one that has been at the heart of the community for more than a century and a half. Over the years the grade II listed building has, from its prominent position overlooking the Market Place.

[Video of Bishop Auckland Food Festival flag and Bishop Auckland Town Hall]

Provided a home for everything from the local board of health, to the district council, the town's public library, a theatre, art gallery and café. And now it's time for it to begin the next phase of its life.

[Image of the new refurbishment plans]

With Durham County Council's £1.5 million refurbishment set to improve the layout, provide modern facilities, and give it a sustainable future as a thriving cultural hub.

[Image of an artist impression of how the ground floor will look when complete]

On the ground floor we're going to create a new, more modern library, a café/bar and contemporary art gallery, which will both continue to provide a focal point for works by local artist Tom McGuinness and provide a new permanent home for the large Durham Miner's Gala mural by Norman Cornish that is currently on display in County Hall.

[Slideshow of images from the auditorium]

Upstairs the auditorium will be revamped to include more comfortable seating and digital cinema facilities, so visitors can enjoy the latest blockbusters, live screenings, comedy nights and lectures.

[Image of the crowds in Bishop Auckland Town centre]

We hope it will all help to encourage more people into the town, complimenting events like Kynren and the multi-million-pound conservation of Auckland Castle, and helping to boost town centre businesses.

[Image of Town Hall]

The Town Hall closes from Saturday August 31 until spring 2020.

[Image of young boy opening books within a book shelf]

[Image of The Auckland Project's multiuse space, No 42]

In the meantime, we're setting up a pop-up library just across the Market Place at The Auckland Project's multiuse space, No. 42, and Woodhouse Close Library will operate extended opening hours.

For more information check out our website.

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