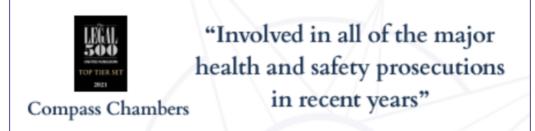
## £2m of investment to support regeneration projects across Aberdeenshire

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Fourteen local projects aimed at improving communities and places across Aberdeenshire are to share more than £2 million in new funding to help drive economic recovery, improve our town centres and support regeneration activity.



- Broch Skate and Wheeled Sports Park, Fraserburgh (Broch Skate Club £151,560) This is a new project to replace the old skate park in Fraserburgh with a modern, low-maintenance, competition standard facility. The project has significant local support and will provide another boost to the Fraserburgh Sports Hub as well as helping to address several socioeconomic factors in the town, including health inequalities, participation and anti-social behaviour.
- Alford Valley Community Railway, Alford £80,000 This is a new project the first phase of a multi-phase plan - which will bring the redundant station building back into use as a low carbon community venue. Future phases will see other elements of the old railway be bought back to life. The project has strong local backing and features in the Marr Community Plan.
- V&A Halls Transformational Enhancement Project, Ballater (Victoria & Albert Halls (Ballater) Trust - £40,000) - This is a new phase of a multi-stage project which has previously received support from the Scottish Government Town Centre Fund. It will carry out a series of improvements on the historic buildings to improve access, reduce energy consumption and consolidate the work done on creating a community and heritage hub.
- Ellon Integrated Travel Town, Ellon (Aberdeenshire Council £210,000) This investment will see the delivery of one of the priority projects in the Ellon ITT Masterplan to enhance connectivity between the town centre and other parts of the town, and to encourage a modal shift to walking and cycling.
- 34 Broad Street, Fraserburgh (North East Scotland Preservation Trust £150,500) The funding will support the next phase of the redevelopment of the former Clydesdale Bank building in the town centre into a hotel and restaurant, eventually connecting to the John Trail project outlined above.
- The Glasshouse at Square Deal, Huntly (Deveron Projects £104,000) The project will involve the construction of a thermal glasshouse at the rear of the Square Deal building in the town centre. The glasshouse will provide additional flexible space for year-round community use.



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