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ROAD RESTORED TO ITS VICTORIAN GLORY

One of the first phases of the Long Eaton Townscape Heritage Initiative has been successfully completed: Lime Grove and Lime Terrace have been restored to their former Victorian glory with work that includes renovations to road surfaces, pavements and kerbs.

The areas of Lime Grove and Lime Terrace, which form a main gateway into the town's West Park and adjoining cemetery, were highlighted in Erewash Borough Council's successful Heritage Lottery bid as being of significant historical importance.

Work completed includes:

- Original granite drainage sets have been revealed, after previously being obscured by tarmac.
- The traditional blue brick surfacing to the Lime Terrace footpath fronting the cemetery has been reinstated.
- Limestone kerbs, that had been lost to concrete replacements, have been reinstated.
- Roads and pavements have been resurfaced to their original states.
- Railings along the front of properties, which were believed to be lost to munitions factories during WWII, have also been reinstated.

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The works have gone down well with residents too. Resident of Lime Grove, Cameron Shaw said:

"I rang Erewash Borough Council to let them know how good I think the road looks. I saw an old photograph of Lime Grove the other day, and it looks the same now. I really support what the Townscape Heritage Initiative is doing for Long Eaton's historic areas."

Another resident remarked:

"This street is well on its way to being transformed into the very image of the historical documents that record its proud past. The approach to the cemetery is once again beautiful".

Councillor Geoff Smith, Lead Member for Regeneration & Planning, said:

"This is the first of the Townscape Heritage Initiative Projects to be completed and I am delighted that it has been so well received by local residents who have been very actively involved in the planning and delivery of the improvements.

"Over the life of the project, which is funded by Erewash Borough Council with the Heritage Lottery and Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership, I look forward to even greater public involvement in improving the Mills and Town Centre area."

To find out more about the Townscape Heritage Initiative visit the website at:

<http://www.longeatonthi.com> or contact THI Project Officer, Francesca Machin on 0115 907 2260.

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