

**Character Area 1a:
Commercial Core –
Medieval Dunheved**

This sheet summarises the comprehensive assessments of character and regeneration opportunities in Section 8 of the report.

Character Summary

This is the busy heart of Launceston and its historic and commercial core - the main shopping and tourist centre. The area has an intrinsic quality due to the high survival of historic buildings, its dynamic street pattern and the superior views. Such is the special character of this area that insensitive street design or inappropriate new development is particularly keenly felt.

Regeneration opportunities

- Limit the parking in the town centre area to reclaim the space for pedestrians and other activities.
- Instigate a shopfront scheme based on the town square area.
- Restore the historic open space known as Upper Walk and encourage its use as a public amenity.
- Reinstate the historic route of Northgate Street – remove the steps and re-landscape using appropriate quality materials.
- End the traffic priority at the foot of Castle Street and resurface.
- Encourage the use of opes and alleyways to improve pedestrian access and connectivity.
- Replace the chain link fence outside the castle and extend the opening hours to cater for the increasing number of winter visitors.



An eclectic mix of architectural styles in the town square.



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- Character Area boundary
- Scheduled Monument
- Listed Building
- Other Significant Building
- Historic Plot

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The Upper Walk at present appears neglected.

