

*ARTISTS' BRIEF*

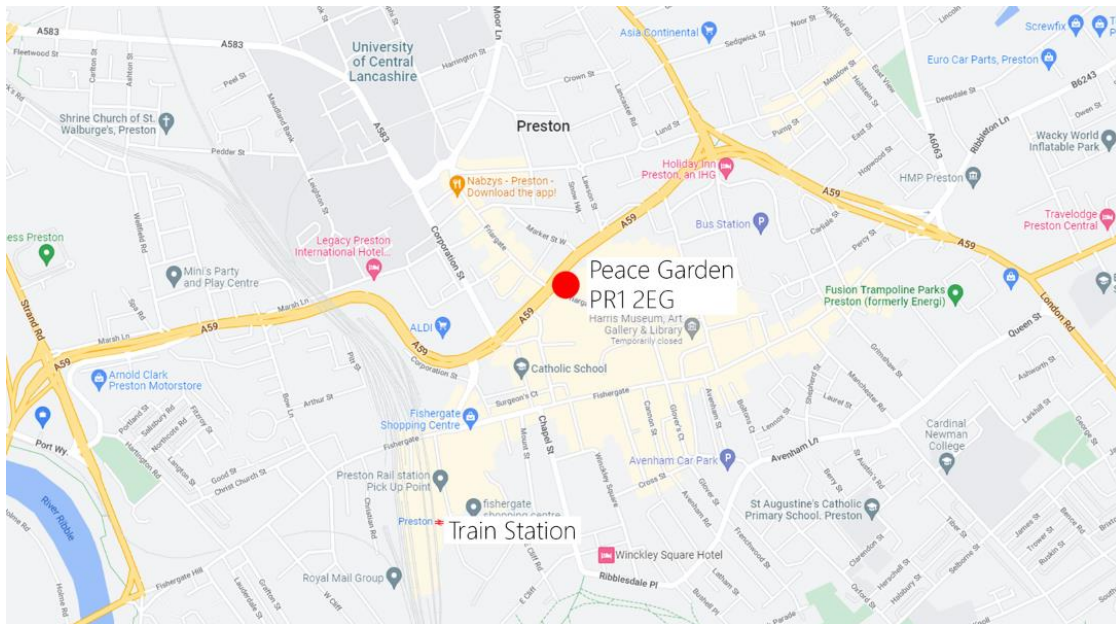
**PEACE GARDEN, PRESTON**

**DESIGN FOR THE CENTRAL ARTWORK FEATURE**

**DESIGN COMMISSION VALUE £2,500**

1. Background to scheme:

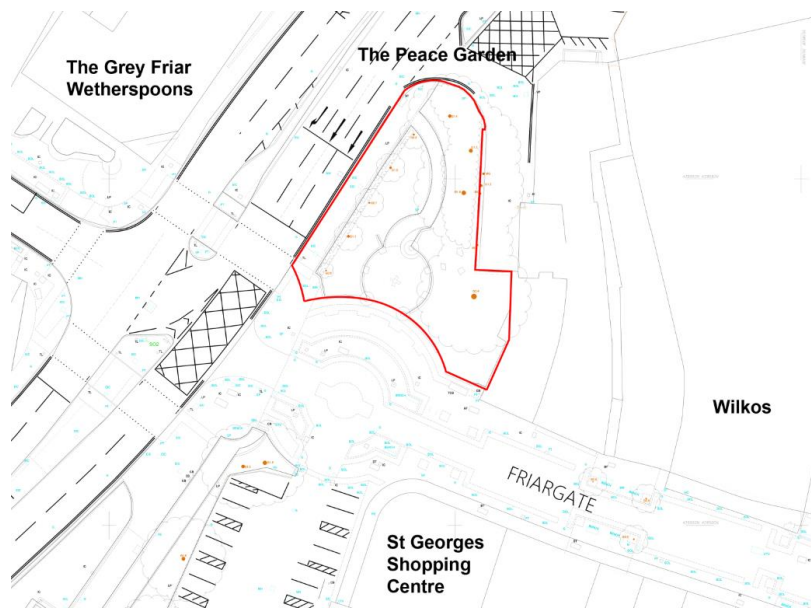
The Peace Garden is a public open space located on Friargate on the junction with the Ringway in Preston. The Garden was commissioned by Preston City Council with support from various partners and opened in 1995. The Garden is being redeveloped as part of a wide rejuvenation of the area, called Friargate North and Ringways (FNR).



The FNR project is led by Lancashire County Council working in partnership with Preston City Council, to create a pedestrian and cycle friendly space with new high-quality paving, tree planting, and other features such as public seating, space for outdoor markets and alfresco dining opportunities. Construction work started in autumn 2021 and is due to be completed by March 2023. More information about the scheme can be found here:

[Transforming Friargate North and Ringway - Lancashire County Council](#)

## 2. Peace Garden existing site plan & photos



### 3. New design / proposal information

The new Peace Garden Plaza aims to create a sense of calm and tranquillity, through a simple yet effective design that opens up the space and provides an attractive setting for people to pause, relax and reflect, if only for a short time.



We have proposed that the theme of peace is continued, and we plan to incorporate some of the existing art elements within the scheme where possible. This includes several plaques inscribed with poetry to explore the theme of peace, developed with local community groups. Other existing features are being removed including the metal doves mounted on brick pillars as these are no longer appropriate for the new plaza area.



Using different textures and techniques on the stone and concrete to provide subtle artistic elements, for example the etching of poetry on the paving and seating wall will provide visual interest as well as reinforcing the central theme of the peace garden



To continue the link with the peace theme, as well as re-using some existing art features, Lancashire County Council are commissioning a new paving feature with a dove motif to maintain the link with the site's history yet provide a fresh piece of artwork to rejuvenate the space. The artist is required to produce a design for this central paving feature, utilising a dove and peace theme, as loosely illustrated above.

The upkeep and maintenance of the Peace Garden will be the responsibility of Preston City Council.

#### 4. Paving supplier and materials

The Paving supplier is Hardscape Ltd. Hardscape offer a wide range of artist mediums that can be used on the stone. We envision a dark granite circle in two halves to aid in delivery and installation. Hardscape offer stone, Brass or Epoxy inlays into the stone. They also can provide water jet cutting, etching and other stone marking techniques. The method will be the artists choice, however please note that the artwork will be walked upon in all weathers and will need to provide a standard pedestrian footway slip resistance standard.

The artist should also be aware that there will need to be a maximum deviation in the material height, i.e. no upstands or deep ridges that could cause confusion to visually impaired users, or that create general trip hazards.

Please see the link below for a catalogue of potential materials and applications available.

<https://ipsurfaces.co.uk/>

Central artwork feature:

- Paving design based on a dove motif as a symbol of Peace
- The design will be sent to paving supplier to transfer to the central paving circle
- Size of circular area: 4m diameter
- Options for creating the image:
  1. Stone, Brass or Epoxy inlays
  2. Water jet cutting

3. Etching
4. Combination of the above

5. Timescales:

The final design is required by Monday 22nd August at the latest.

6. Budget:

We are seeking quotes for the design work up to a maximum £2,500 based on £250 / day. The fee will be appraised as part of the selection process.

It is expected that the artist will require 10 days to create the image, and the fee shall include for:

- 2 sketch design options to provide a choice on the final image to the stakeholders.
- 2 nr meetings: 1nr for initial discussions re. the brief, and 1nr to present the design options to stakeholders.
- Liaison with the paving supplier and landscape architects re. image production techniques.
- Up to 2nr amendments to the chosen design based on any comments from the stakeholders
- A site visit if required.

There will be a budget of £10,000 for the production and delivery of the paving feature by Hardscape.

7. Copyrights – the commission will include the copyright. The artist will be credited for the design; however, the ownership and any intellectual property rights for the design will transfer to Lancashire County Council on payment of the design fees for the image.
8. The artist should have and maintain their own public liability insurance of at least £10 million.

9. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Please provide the following:

9.1 A small portfolio of previous work, including examples of any similar projects / installations relevant to the project. Demonstration of graphic illustration skills, and the ability to produce original illustrative work.

9.2 Examples of successful partnership working with stakeholders

9.3 Your fee proposal for the design work and confirmation the requirements detailed in item 6 above (sketch options, meetings, amendment etc) have been allowed for.

If you have any questions, please email [James.Settle@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:James.Settle@lancashire.gov.uk)

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