

Grey Street is going green

A grass act is the latest city centre artwork

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A CARPET of grass is being laid on a busy Tyneside shopping street as part of a new art project.

Top artist, Trudi Entwistle, is creating a sculpture made of mown turf and metal chevrons on Newcastle's Grey Street today.

The piece, called *inCLINE*, was commissioned by Landscape Institute North East to mark its 75th anniversary and is funded by the Arts Council and Newcastle City Council.

Trudi and her team of helpers from Newcastle University were out on the street at 6am and expect to lay the first few blades of grass at 2pm.

The popular artist, a lecturer at Leeds Metropolitan University, has already created similar pieces in Barnsley and Scarborough.

Trudi said: "Grey Street is a magnificent setting and this is a fantastic opportunity for me to locate my sculpture in this city."

"I hope it focuses people's attention so that they stop and reflect on the quality of the place."

Nancy Corbett, of Landscape Institute North East, said: "It will create a green sanctuary, a temporary retreat from the hustle and bustle of city centre traffic."

She added: "*InCLINE* is an imaginative temporary artwork that brings together the latest in cutting edge design within Grainger Town."

Grey Street was recently voted Britain's finest shopping street by listeners to BBC Radio 4.



A STAR IS LAWN! A bird's eye view of artist Trudi Entwistle's *inCLINE* project near Grey's Monument in Newcastle today

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