

# Comeback

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Liverpool's year as Capital of Culture saw not only an amazing artistic programme but the city undergoing its biggest ever regeneration.

We have taken a few years to do what many other cities have done in decades.

Warren Bradley, Leader  
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Over the past few years, hundreds of projects creating thousands of new jobs and investments worth billions of pounds have been transforming a city that many people wrote off in the 1980s.

During 2008, the Capital of Culture year, many major schemes came to fruition:

- **Liverpool ONE** – This £1bn development in the city centre by Grosvenor Estates has created more than 1.6 million sq ft of retail, 30

new buildings, hotels, apartments, a cinema and a new park. It has seen Liverpool catapulted from 17th to fifth place in the league tables of shopping popularity.

- **The Echo Arena and BT Convention Centre at Kings Waterfront** – a £150m development which includes a 10,600 capacity arena; an auditorium with a capacity of 1,350; a multi-purpose hall of 3,725sq m; total exhibition capacity of 7,000sq m; and 18 additional meeting rooms. It has staged

Pier Head canal link

