



March Regeneration Project

Project Newsletter - September 2023



Welcome to the 2nd edition of the March Regeneration Project newsletter, produced by Octavius Infrastructure, working for Cambridgeshire County Council and Fenland District Council. Our site office and team are based at 2 Broad Street (the old bank).

We are still making good progress and are on schedule to deliver the project as planned.

We are talking to local organisations, charities and education providers to help us identify opportunities for support. Supporting the local community during project delivery is important to us, it's part of our sustainable legacy commitment.

Upcoming Traffic Management Changes

The current three-way traffic light management system will remain in place and maintained 24/7, but we will constantly review its performance as we know how important it is to keep traffic flowing through the town.

Future changes to the traffic management arrangements will be communicated well in advance, so please do watch out for these.

What has been happening so far?

We have continued reconstruction of the road formation to Broad Street and the installation of new drainage systems.

The asphalt to phase 1 of our works will be completed by 5th & 6th September.



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Site news & What's coming up

We will be continuing with installation of all drainage and progressing works along Broad Street and Station Road.

From 11th September some of the pedestrian footpath will be diverted onto newly laid carriageway surfacing but maintaining shop access at all times.

During September we will also be installing the kerb line of the carriageway, allowing all residents to see the final new road layout.



Fountain Update

The fountain was carefully removed from site by a specialist company. It was wrapped, crated and is safely stored within a Fenland District Council Depot until completion of the town works, upon which it will return to an agreed position and re-erected.

Sustainability & Social Value news

We are committed to delivering sustainable infrastructure, making a commitment to give value to society and the communities in which we work. We measure our social value impact using Thrive, a measuring software tool. The value is calculated using Impact Evaluation Standard (IES) framework, which is fully aligned to the Government Social Value Model. The latest Thrive report can be found overleaf.

We recently met with the March FACET Group, to talk about the works, answer their queries and explore possible opportunities of support.

FACET is a Charity supporting adults with a range of disabilities in March and the surrounding areas. Further details can be found here [FACET - We focus on ability not disability](#)



'Thank you very much for the meeting today. We had a great time and came away much better informed about what is happening. Specially thanks for moving the sign on the corner of Darthill Road as it will make things much easier for some of our groups.'

Many thanks

Helen Curtis-Bridges

**FACET Community Pathways Project
Coordinator**

FACET Pop-Up Shop

On the last Friday of each month

10.30am until 2.30pm

at 11 Dartford Road, March, PE15 8AN

FACET Car Boot

Sunday 1st October

9am at Marwick Road, March PE15 8PH

£5 a pitch

Contact Jayne.facet@gmail.com or Tel 01354 655080

for more details

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Thrive Report

April 2023 until August 2023



£621,915.00 total social value added*

*Total includes local economic value, data entry from Octavius and Environ, measured using the IES Framework.



Local value



1 Local job creation

£62k Local spend

£450k Regional & National Spend

£63k Spend with SMEs

Employment, education & skills



1 Apprenticeship created

48 People hours of learning interventions delivered

We are actively engaging with local education providers exploring opportunities of involvement

Sustainability



Time spent on site by an Ecologist for nesting bird survey

160 Tonnes of materials reused on site

All pipes installed are made from recycled materials

Social, wellbeing & community



£120 Community donations

106 People hours spent supporting community initiatives

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Meet the Team



Nicola Foster
Project Communication &
Stakeholder Manager



Russell Penn
Site Manager



Rob Solway
Site Supervisor



Sarah O'Mahoney
Social Value Manager

Coffee & Chat

Since starting the works, we have hosted a coffee morning every Thursday at the Octavius site office. This is a chance for local residents and business owners to come and chat with members of the project team and council staff.

After listening to your feedback, we will now be holding these sessions fortnightly, between 4pm and 7pm. This will give those who may not be able to visit during the day an opportunity to come along.

**Coffee & Chat between 4pm – 7pm
at the Octavius site office,
2 Broad Street, March, PE15 8TQ**

**Thursday 14th September
Thursday 28th September**



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Want to know more:

- Regular updates are displayed in the window at Octavius site office, 2 Broad Street and also available at: www.fenland.gov.uk/BroadStreetNewsletters
- Attend the Coffee & Chat (dates above) with the Project Team & Council staff
- Project or design enquiries email: HighStreetProject@fenland.gov.uk
- Octavius general enquiries email: Marchproject@octaviusinfrastructure.co.uk
- March frequently asked questions and answers: www.fenland.gov.uk/MarchRegenerationFAQs

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