



March Town Centre Regeneration Project

Project Newsletter – August 2024



Welcome to the 9th edition of the March Town Centre Regeneration Project newsletter, produced by Octavius, working for Cambridgeshire County Council and Fenland District Council. We would like to confirm the project completion date will now be in November.

What has been happening so far?

New paving work continues to make good progress on Broad Street with access to the shops being maintained to all times.

Paving in the Riverside area is now 90 per cent complete, and all planters and tree pits in this area have been installed.

On the west side of Broad Street, we are continuing works on the public realm section in front of the shops. All planters and tree pits in this area have also been installed.

All paving is completed on the east side of Broad Street and the footway is now finished and open to the public. The fountain was collected from Fenland's depot and is now having a full refurbishment.

The war memorial paving is now complete and making good progress with the paving on west side of broad street. The memorial looks fantastic with the new paving.

The granite planters are being installed on the south side of Broad Street and we are making good progress in this area on the Riverside.

Upcoming Traffic Management Changes

- The pedestrian crossing on the bridge will remain closed until further notice. Alternative safe crossing points have been provided and will be maintained.
- We will continue to monitor the traffic movement through the town ensuring optimal traffic movement is managed.
- Any future changes will be communicated well in advance.
- Week commencing 23rd September, there will be a 5 night full closure of Broad Street to install the final wearing course to the carriageway. The road will remain open during the daytime.
- The main crossing in the centre of town will be opened on completion of the surfacing works.
- There will be no access to the site office on Broad Street during September as we are completing works on the pathway in front and at the side of the office.
- **PUBLIC TOILETS** - Please note access to the public toilets will be temporarily restricted. The public toilets is currently accessed from Dartford Road to Grays Lane, due to the works being completed on Broad Street pathway. There is no access to the toilets from Broad Street.

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What's coming up in the next month?

- We will continue to progress the new paving works on Broad Street in co-ordination with the shops, maintaining accessibility at all times.
- The Riverside paving works will continue in this area until the end of the project works. New public realm area works in front of the shops will also continue.
- Work will continue on installing new planters and tree pits in the public realm section, west side of Broad Street. Two planters are already installed and work is progressing well.
- The fountain has been collected from Fenland's depot and is now undergoing a full refurbishment. Meanwhile, the fountain steps are currently being installed. The fountain is due to be returned and installed in its new position in October.
- On September 23, a 5 night closure is planned for the final wearing course and road marking in Broad Street.
- The works in front of the shops on the west side of Broad Street are due to start in the middle of September. We will communicate with the shops to ensure they are kept informed and continue to maintain access to the shops.
- Works are due to start on the pathway in Grays Lane and outside office at 2 Broad Street.

Coffee and Chats

The Coffee and Chat events will be cancelled in September as pathway works outside the front of the office mean there will be restricted access to the public.

Coffee & Chats will continue at the Octavius site office,
2 Broad Street, March, PE158TQ in October.

Join us on Thursday:

10th & 24th October 24 – 11am – 1pm

Any queries and concerns please contact us on:

Marchproject@octavius.co.uk



Sustainability & Social Value

A student from FACET has been invited to complete work experience with us every Thursday over 4 weeks. She will be working with the Stakeholder & Social Value Manager, completing admin duties and helping at the coffee & chats events.



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Meet the Team



Nicola Foster
Stakeholder & Social Value
Manager



Russell Penn
Project Manager



Rob Solway
Site Supervisor



Sarah O'Mahoney
Social Value Manager

FREE Advertising for Local Businesses

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Take a deep breath and feel your shoulders relax from the second you walk through our front door. Our unique, tranquil retreat is tucked away in the Market Place away from the hustle and bustle of March's town centre.

The salon has gained an outstanding reputation, for offering exquisite treatments and using products from specially selected names in the beauty industry; offering a warm, friendly and personal atmosphere, with the serenity of a spa experience it's just the place, to switch off slow down & shake off all your stresses of every day life.

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of every month

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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
- Project or design enquiries email: HighStreetProject@fenland.gov.uk
- Octavius general enquiries email: Marchproject@octavius.co.uk
- March frequently asked questions and answers: www.fenland.gov.uk/MarchRegenerationFAQs

We would like to thank all members of public, residents and businesses for their patience and co-operation during the works

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Thrive Report

April 2023 – August 2024



£1,682,093.80 local social value added*

(supporting the wider UK economy, £6,840,110.00 total social value added)

Project value: £5,000,000.00



Social & Total Economic Value



Social & Local Economic Value



Local value

2.5 job opportunities for local people

£701k achieved from spend with businesses in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

£5.1m achieved from spend with regional & national businesses

£800k achieved from spend with small, medium and social enterprises

Employment, education & skills

1 apprenticeship created

411 people hours of learning interventions delivered

63 apprenticeship weeks delivered

12 work experience weeks completed



Sustainability

8.1 tonnes of wood recycled via Community Wood Recycling

160 tonnes of materials reused on site

All pipes installed are made from recycled materials



Social, wellbeing & community

£7,961 achieved from donations to support community activities in March

399 people hours spent supporting community initiatives in March

£4,923 achieved from fundraising for FACET



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