

Taylor Woodrow – Celebration Mile



Welcome to the January issue of Taylor Woodrow's newsletter for the Celebration Mile project on behalf of Somerset Council. This newsletter is published on the Somerset Council and Town Board websites, and aims to be issued at the start of each month.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep our scheme stakeholders and the local community updated with our progress throughout the project.

Eastover

From 2nd January 2025 for approximately 6 months, Eastover has been fully closed for essential drainage maintenance (between the indoor shopping centre and town bridge). The eastern section of Eastover and Church Street remains open with traffic flowing in both directions as before. The two-way road closure on Eastover is in place to allow the remaining work to take place as safely and as quickly as possible.

Public access on foot will remain to all businesses. We are currently in the process of increasing our signage in the area to reiterate that businesses remain open as usual. Temporary loading bays have been implemented on Church Street, New Road and Salmon Parade to assist and help local traders for deliveries throughout this time.

Groundworks on Eastover commenced with trial holes before excavating works began to identify any underground services including water, gas, electric, telecoms, drainage, traffic signals and sewage. Our initial works have focused on upgrading and installing a new drainage solution through Eastover. This has included careful excavation to uncover the existing drainage and the installation of an entirely new system, this leads to an increasing greater efficiency of the system and mitigates against future flooding.

Work on New Road has also included the installation of new drainage where upon excavation, the team identified shallow electric cables. This then required attention from National Grid which in return has delayed the overall progress of the work. For the remainder of February National Grid will be rectifying the identified issues which will then allow our teams to continue working here from early March when paving works will be able to commence.

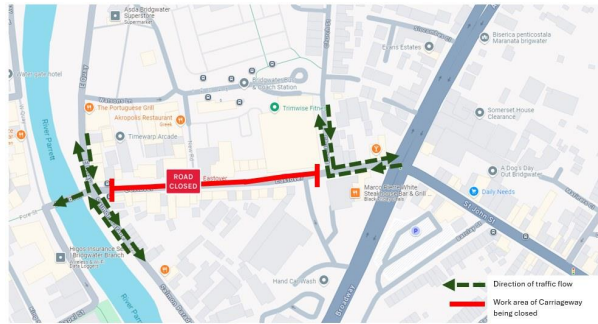
Overall, our drainage works are nearing completion as the site team begin preparing for the removal of existing kerb lines and the installation of the new kerb lines. In the next month the focus will be on the footpaths and include the installation of lighting columns and light street furnishings.

See the photos below showing overall progress on Eastover and the subsequent back-filling of the drainage works area.









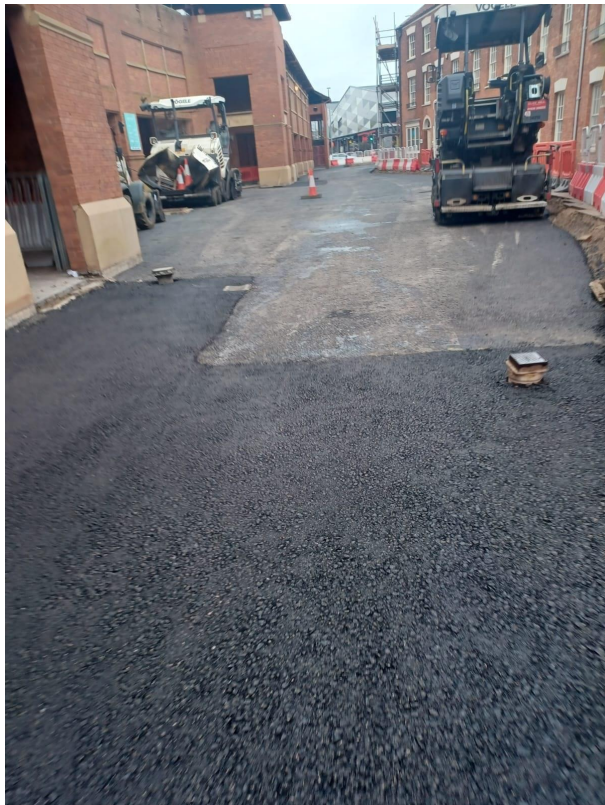
Angel Crescent

The focus is now on completing the new pavements that will run along the businesses entrances.

We have set up temporary access routes for businesses entrances whilst we undertake our improvements in Angel Crescent.







Clare Street

Work in Clare Street has started earlier than planned in an effort to complete the works ahead of the summer period. In particular we have focused on the paved area outside the Nutmeg Café to promote trade as the weather warms up.

To facilitate this there is a temporary road closure for five months from 17th February 2025. Alongside these works the team will also continue installing kerb lines and street furnishings.







Upcoming Event

Bridgwater traders and residents are invited to join a breakfast drop-in this month to learn more about the work that is being delivered as part of the towns Celebration Mile. The event will be on the 24th February 2025 at the Mercure Hotel, Bridgwater between 9 and 11am

The event gives people the chance to meet representatives from Taylor Woodrow and Somerset Council to answer any queries and is open for all.

Upcoming Traffic Restrictions

17th February 2025 - Clare Street full road closure for 5 months