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**Taylor Woodrow**

# **Celebration Mile May 2025**

## **Celebration Mile progress update –**

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

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## About the project

Taylor Woodrow is the acting principal contractor for the Bridgwater Celebration Mile public realm project on behalf of our client Somerset Council. The project spans over Eastover, Clare Street and Angel Crescent, with works including underground utility maintenance (renewal and diversion), installation of new kerb lines, modernisation of paving, upgraded drainage systems and the installation of street furnishings and soft landscaping.

The project started in July 2024 in the Eastover area, our overall works are due to be completed between the next 12 -18 months, with estimated completion due in summer 2025.

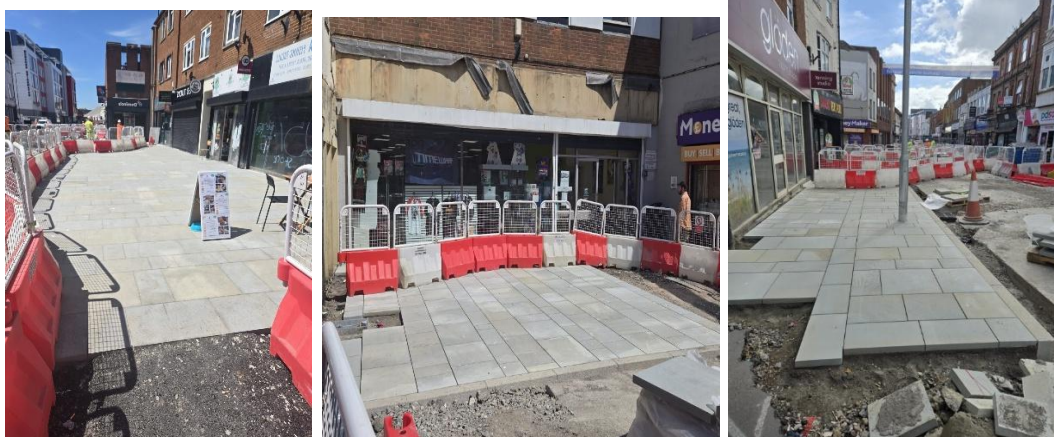
# Progress to date

## April/May

- Angel Crescent has been making great progress over the last few months, the focus has been along the front of business entrances and the other side of Angel Crescent throughout the undercroft at the back of Angel Place Shopping Centre, the work carried out has included excavating and laying paving which has now completed by the team, The next stage is in progress with the middle section of Angel Crescent for the final completion with the team laying the final sets in the upcoming weeks allowing drainage to filter through existing drainage, further work Landscaping and the installation of street furnishings and soft landscaping.



- New Road – On hold whilst critical work is carried out on Eastover.
- Eastover- Drainage works are nearly completed, In the original project design the kerb line positioned had to be reconsidered and re-designed due to a high & low voltage cable directly in the route along the original drawings. With the re-positioning of the kerb line now confirmed work is in full flow and in the process of being installed carefully along Eastover which includes widening the walkway on one side of Eastover. Pavement excavation has commenced on one side of the road along the front of businesses and residents' doors once completed along the north side of Eastover the work will switch to the south side in the same format due to commence early June. Works include National Grid & BT will be attending the site to remove and re-install link boxes in pavements before certain parts of the pavement can be excavated in the same process.



## Traffic restrictions – what to expect

### Live traffic restrictions

- One way traffic management in place for sections of Eastover including the indoor shopping centre to Salmon Parade. This is to allow our workforce to operate in a safe area whilst in the carriageway
- 22<sup>nd</sup> & Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Mount Street introduction of two-way temporary lights (two-way traffic) introducing off-peak two-way lights (9:30 – 16:00) to install temporary drop crossings. Existing signals will be switched off.
- 24<sup>th</sup> April onwards – temporary two-way lights with two-way traffic
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April - High Street to Clare Street – pedestrian diversion (Please see below pedestrian management drawing)
- Includes the closure of the Clare Street access to 'The Avenue'
- 2nd June – 31st July 2025 - Church Street & Lower part of Eastover closure. A partial road closure on Church Street and the Eastern area of Eastover will commence from the 2nd of June 2025 for essential road works. These works will include the installation of new kerb lines and the resurfacing of pavements and are anticipated to be completed by the end of July 2025. A diversion route will be provided for residents of London Court with entry access available through the end of the bus route on Watsons Way.





## Community benefit

### Crispin School

Taylor Woodrow colleagues joined with other companies to mock interview support students at the school's career fair interviewing secondary school students preparing them for future careers.

### Bridgwater Carnival

Taylor Woodrow and GAP sponsored a money cart for the Bridgwater Carnival 2024 to support the event. we worked closely with Carnival organisers and local authorities to ensure the carnival could proceed as normal around our works and we reduced our works area over the carnival weekend accommodate to pedestrians and minimise disruption. Taylor Woodrow is pleased to announce that we are sponsoring Bridgwater Carnival 2025 for the second time.

Taylor Woodrow also donated re-usable wooden pallets from our compound and delivered them to the carnival site for Bridgwater's Carnival 2025.

### McMillan Theatre – Apprenticeship job fair

Taylor Woodrow supported Bridgwater and Taunton College by joining their apprenticeship job fair. Parents/Guardians attended with School leavers enquiring of future careers and opportunities.

### Somerset Southwest Children's Hospices

This year Taylor Woodrow continues to support our Children's Southwest Children Hospices raising £2600 to date through fundraising activities 🎉

