



March Regeneration Project

Project Newsletter – October 2023



Welcome to the 3rd 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 Barclays Bank).

Due to unforeseen circumstances with underground utility services, it has been necessary to adjust the programme phases to mitigate the impact. Further details will be provided in the next newsletter.

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.

Toilet Block on Broad Street

The toilet block in Broad Street will shortly close and new temporary toilets will be available in the car park of the Octavius office, with public access from Grays Lane. This is in preparation for the removal of the existing toilet block and the old man shelter to open up and enhance the riverbank.



What has been happening so far?

We have continued reconstruction of the road formation to Broad Street and the installation of new drainage systems and new kerb line. We are now working in Station Road and will be installing the new footway in Station Road in the next 4 weeks. We have also commenced work outside of Collingwood's building in front of the shops at the Northern end of The High Street and works will be ongoing in this section. We would like to thank all the businesses for their co-operation while we have been working in front of their premises.



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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, Station Road and the junction of Robingoodfellows Lane.

From 7th of October and during November, the pedestrian footpath will be diverted onto newly laid carriageway surfacing on Broad Street but maintaining shop access at all times.

During October & November, we will be working in Station Road, Broad Street and Dartford Road junction continuing with carriageway construction and footway works.

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 UK Government's Social Value Model (PPN 06/20). The latest Thrive report can be found overleaf.

During October members of FACET delivered a presentation about the March Regeneration project. The group members researched the project and compared it to a similar projects, this helped them understand the reasons for the project and what benefits it will bring to March.

March Town Council Christmas Tree

We are proudly sponsoring this years March Christmas Tree! It will be installed in the Market Place on 10th November, ready to be switched on during the Christmas lights switch on event on 24th November.

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Remembrance Events to go ahead in March

Remembrance events are still going ahead in March this year despite the ongoing Town Centre Regeneration Works.

The annual Armistice Day Parade and a Remembrance Sunday Parade are still taking place but have changed location to enable them to go ahead safely and respectfully.

The Armistice Day Parade on Saturday 11 November will take place at St Peter's Church in the High Street, using the original WW1 War Memorial, rather than at the War Memorial in the Town Centre.

The Remembrance Sunday Parade on Sunday 12 November will also start at St Peter's Church and march to West End Park where a Drumhead Service will be held.



Armistice Day Parade – 11 November

Armed Forces organisation's standard bearers, escorts, veterans and civil dignitaries will muster at 10.50am, to the side of St Peter's Church, to form the Armistice Parade. They will then march up the road, to the front of the church, where Reverend Andrew Smith will start the service by delivering a prayer. The Last Post will be played by Nigel Sutherby and Peter Mitchell, President of the March Branch of the Royal British Legion, will deliver the Exhortation before a two-minute silence is held. All spectators wishing to pay their respects are welcome to attend.

Remembrance Sunday Parade – 12 November

All organisations are invited to participate in the event, which begins at 9.30am with a muster at St Peter's Church. A Service of Remembrance will be held at the church at 9.45am, before the parade begins marching from the church to West End Park at 10.45am. At 10.55am, a Drumhead Service will take place near the Bandstand. A two-minute silence will be held at 11am, followed by a wreath-laying ceremony.

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Thrive Report

until October 2023



£1,537,012.00 total social value added*

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



Local value



2 Local job creation

£150k Local spend

£1m Regional & National Spend

£170k Spend with SMEs

Employment, education & skills



1 Apprenticeship created

76 People hours of learning interventions delivered

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

Sustainability

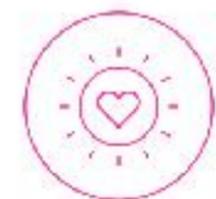


Time spent on site by an Ecologist for nesting bird survey

160 Tonnes of materials reused on site

All pipes installed are made from recycled materials

Social, wellbeing & community



£120 Community donations

115 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

The coffee and chats events continue from at the Octavius site office, 2 Broad Street, March, PE158TQ.

Join us on:

Thursday 16th November

Thursday 30th November

Any queries and concerns please contact us on Marchproject@octaviusinfrastructure.co.uk



FACET Pop-Up Shop

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of each month

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at

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March, PE15 8AN

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Marchproject@octaviusinfrastructure.co.uk

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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