



# March Town Centre Regeneration Project

Project Newsletter – January/February 2024



Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the March Town Centre 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).

Our new programme schedule, detailing the programme phases, has been distributed to all local businesses and is displayed in our office window. Copies are available for the public at the front of the office. It can also be viewed online at:

[www.fenland.gov.uk/Broad-Street-Project-Schedule](http://www.fenland.gov.uk/Broad-Street-Project-Schedule)

A new temporary bus stop raised ramp has been installed to aid access and egress from arriving buses, this will make it safer for travelling customers.

We would like to thank all the businesses for their ongoing co-operation while we have been working in front of their premises.

## Toilet Block on Broad Street

The Public toilet block in Broad Street is now closed and the new temporary public toilets are positioned 20 yards further past facing the pedestrian footpath. They will be open daily from 8am to 4pm. The disconnection of the old block is due to be completed on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 24 and the demolition works will start week commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 24. The Riverside works will be ongoing until end of the scheme.

## What has been happening so far?

We commenced work outside of Collingwood's building in front of the shops at the northern end of Broad Street. Works will be ongoing at this junction until the end of March.

The construction of the road to Broad Street and the installation of new drainage systems plus the new kerb lines are now complete up to near the memorial.

We have completed the paving on Station Road (south-east side) and this is now open to the public. The footway in front of Collingswood's is now complete and open to the public.

Have now adjusted the traffic light positions at Station Road to the opposite side of the road, ready for the works to start. In January, it was necessary to carry out night works to avoid blocking access to shop entrances, as well as the necessary closure of Robingoodfellows Lane for 8 days in early February to reconstruct the junction. We Continue to make good progress with the paving works on Broad Street.

## Upcoming Traffic Management Changes

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

We will communicate any future changes to the traffic management well in advance.

The crossing on the bridge has now been disabled to allow a better flow of traffic.

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## Site News & What's Coming Up

We will be continuing the installation of new storm water drainage and with works to progress further along Broad Street, whilst continuing with the new road construction at the junction of Station Road and Robingoodfellows Lane.

During November, the pedestrian footpath was diverted onto newly laid carriageway surfacing on Broad Street, plus we worked in Station Road, Broad Street and Dartford Road junction as we continue with carriageway construction and footway works.

## Sustainability & Social Value News

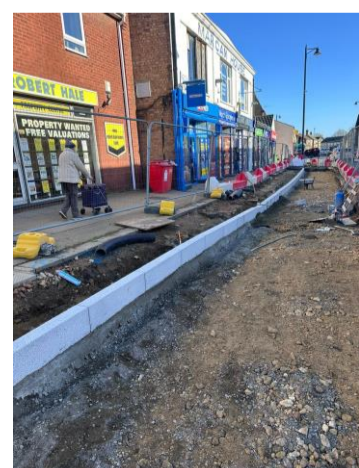
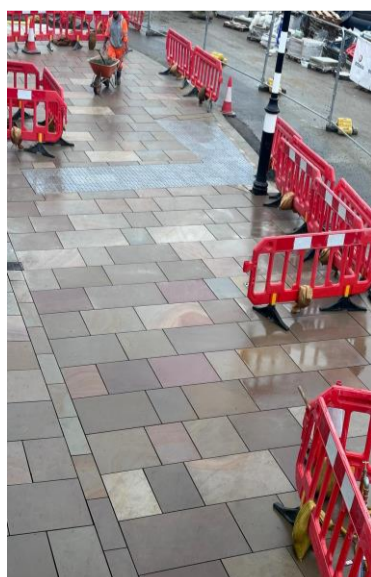
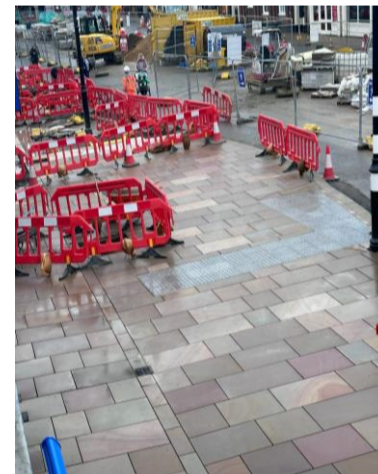
We are committed to delivering sustainable infrastructure, making a commitment to give value to society and the communities in which we work. We measure our social value impact using Thrive, a measuring software tool. The value is calculated using Impact Evaluation Standard (IES) framework, which is fully aligned to the UK Government's Social Value Model (PPN 06/20). The latest Thrive report can be found overleaf.

During January, the project team welcomed two members of the local FACET group for a work experience day. Shadowing Nicola, the Project Communications & Stakeholder Manager and Sarah, Social Value Manager, our guests completed several administration duties. They met members of the project team with the opportunity to ask questions, learning more about the job roles within the project team and the variety of tasks which are undertaken. Both members received a certificate for their efforts and a goodie bag. As part of their learning experience, they will be delivering a presentation on their experience to their friends at FACET.



## February

- Paving ongoing in front of shops on Broad Street.
- Continue with excavation and paving along Broad Street from Tesco down to WH Smith, these works will be ongoing during February & March 2024.
- Phase 3 works started on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and ongoing.
- Excavate Station Road (south-west) side of carriageway outside of barbers and Bet Fred for full road construction and installation of new kern line.
- North-east corner outside of Nates Barbers down to window and door shop excavation of carriageway for full road construction and the works are ongoing. We plan to complete the road surfacing on 19<sup>th</sup> February 24.
- Demolition of toilet block, the riverside works will begin and be ongoing until the end of the project.
- In January we completed evening works to accommodate the access to the shops
- We have good progress with paving works.



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# March Regeneration Project

## Thrive Report

April 2023 – January 2024



### £2,765,994.00 total social value added\*

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

### Project value: £5,000,000.00



Social & Total Economic Value



Social & Local Economic Value



#### Local value

2 Local job creations

£260k Local spend

£2m Regional & national spend

£312k Spend with SME's



#### Sustainability

1.2 Tonnes of wood recycled via Community Wood Recycling

160 Tonnes of materials reused on site

All pipes installed are made from recycled materials



#### Employment, education & skills

1 Apprenticeship created

170 People hours of learning interventions delivered

32 Apprenticeship weeks delivered



#### Social, wellbeing & community

£5k Community donations

157 People hours spent supporting community initiatives

Work experience day for 2 FACET students



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# Meet the Team



Nicola Foster  
Project Communication & Stakeholder Manager



Russell Penn  
Project Manager



Rob Solway  
Site Supervisor



Sarah O'Mahoney  
Social Value Manager

## Coffee & Chats

The Coffee and Chats event will continue at the Octavius site office, 2 Broad Street, March, PE158TQ. **Join us on Thursday:**

**8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February 24 from 11am to 1pm**

Any queries and concerns please contact us on [Marchproject@octaviusinfrastructure.co.uk](mailto:Marchproject@octaviusinfrastructure.co.uk)



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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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## 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](http://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](mailto:HighStreetProject@fenland.gov.uk)
- Octavius general enquiries email: [Marchproject@octaviusinfrastructure.co.uk](mailto:Marchproject@octaviusinfrastructure.co.uk)
- March frequently asked questions and answers: [www.fenland.gov.uk/MarchRegenerationFAQs](http://www.fenland.gov.uk/MarchRegenerationFAQs)

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