



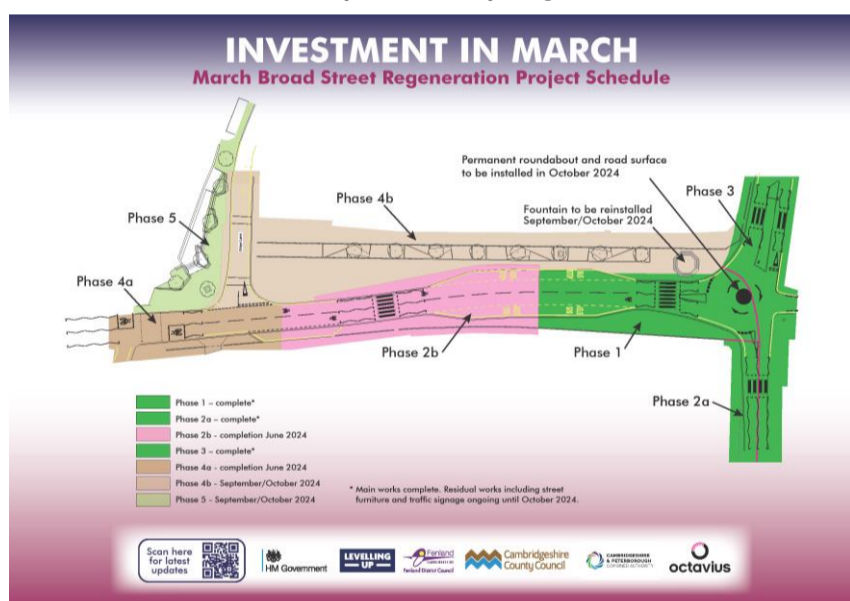
# March Town Centre Regeneration Project

Project Newsletter – July 2024



Welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the March Town Centre Regeneration Project newsletter, produced by Octavius, working for Cambridgeshire County Council and Fenland District Council.

Please see below updated project schedule:



## What has been happening so far?

We are making good progress with constructing the footways at the southern end of Broad Street, with only the works in front of Specsavers, Clarks and Ladbrokes left to complete. These works are due to be finished by end of July.

The new war memorial concrete steps and sandstone is close to completion and will be completed by end of July. All works will be done with extreme care and respect. The war memorial is looking fantastic.

Further drainage system works will continue on the West side of Broad Street.

The Riverside works will continue, with the installation of the new drainage system and planters.

## Upcoming Traffic Management Changes

- The temporary two-way traffic light system on Broad Street has been removed and this has made the traffic flow on Broad Street much better in town, reducing the delays.
- 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.

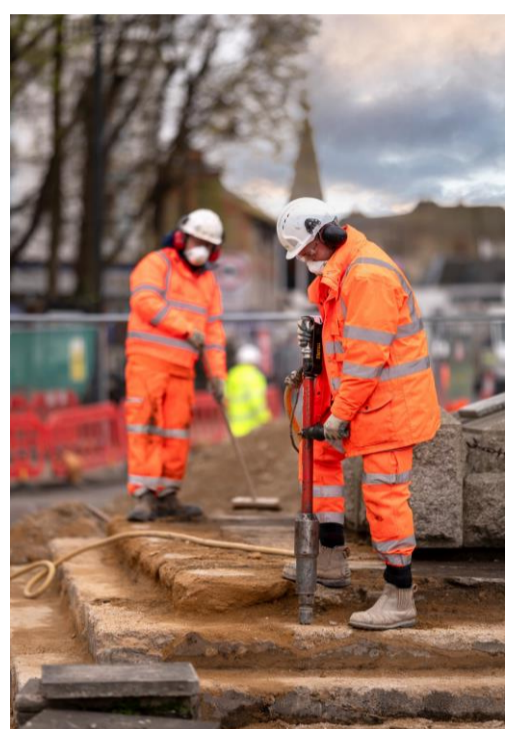
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## What's coming up in the next month?

- 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 works will continue including installing the new drainage system and the planters plus in the coming weeks the new paved area will start to be installed.
- New public realm area works in front of the shops on the west side of Broad Street will continue.
- New planters and tree pits will be installed in the public realm section on the west side of Broad Street.
- All the final paving will be completed in July on the east side of Broad Street and the section of footway will be completely open to the public.
- The fountain has now been collected from Fenland's depot and is now having a full refurbishment in preparation for it being returned to site and being installed at the end of September.



## Sustainability & Social Value

FACET invited us along to their annual YEEHAA party to support the day. It was great to meet more members of the FACET team during the event, which attended by various members of the Octavius team including our graduate and site labourer. We were pleased to donate a supply of cakes and drinks for the party.



One of the FACET members produced a presentation following his one-day work experience with us. He listed the team members' names, job titles and their roles on the site. The content of the presentation was excellent - well done and thank you!



We supported the launch of the new Arthur Rank Hospice charity shop in Broad Street and met all their management team on the day. We donated use of our coffee machine, coffee and cakes for the occasion.

We currently have a graduate working with us for two months at the Broad Street office. Sam has been participating in the social value events and working with the management team, he is a valuable member to our team. A sixth form pupil will be joining us in July for work experience.



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# March Regeneration Project

## Thrive Report

April 2023 – 2024



**£5,225,555.00 total social value added\***

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



Social & Total Economic Value



Social & Local Economic Value



### Local value

3 job opportunities for local people

£498k achieved from spend with businesses in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

£3.9m achieved from spend with regional & national businesses

£599k achieved from spend with small and medium enterprises

### Employment, education & skills

1 apprenticeship created

330 people hours of learning interventions delivered

53 apprenticeship weeks delivered

Work experience day for 3 FACET students & 1 work placement for a local student



### 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

£7,782 achieved from donations to support community activities in March

379 people hours spent supporting community initiatives in March

£4,923 achieved from fundraising for FACET



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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 and Chats

The Coffee and Chat event will continue at the Octavius site office,  
2 Broad Street, March, PE158TQ.

Join us on Thursday: July 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July & 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024 from 11am – 1pm

After public request we plan to do an evening coffee and chats on  
22<sup>nd</sup> August 24 5.00pm to 7.30pm

Any queries and concerns please contact us on [Marchproject@octavius.co.uk](mailto:Marchproject@octavius.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](http://www.fenland.gov.uk/BroadStreetNewsletters)
- Project or design enquiries email: [HighStreetProject@fenland.gov.uk](mailto:HighStreetProject@fenland.gov.uk)
- Octavius general enquiries email: [Marchproject@octavius.co.uk](mailto:Marchproject@octavius.co.uk)
- March frequently asked questions and answers: [www.fenland.gov.uk/MarchRegenerationFAQs](http://www.fenland.gov.uk/MarchRegenerationFAQs)

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**HELLO and WELCOME**

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.

I am so proud of what I have achieved in the past 14 years seeing my business grow into what it has become today.

I'm now classed as one of the best-known salons in the area as well as one of the top bridal hair and makeup artists.

Here at Be Fabulous we believe that taking time to slow the mind, truly relax, unwind and be cared for is not a luxury; in today's stressful world, it is a necessity, a vital pillar in looking after your well-being.

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## FACET Pop-Up Shop

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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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