

# Chard Town Centre Public Realm Improvements Newsletter 6 (April 2022)

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## Project Overview

Griffiths has been appointed as the construction contractor to deliver the improvements at Fore Street, Holyrood Street, Boden Street and the Eastern Gateway. Improvements to the [public realm in Chard](#) will create a better town centre environment, worthy of Chard's historic character.

The work forms part of South Somerset District Council's (SSDC) High Street Heritage Action Zone programme that sees over £2 million of funding invested in the town centre until 2024, including public realm improvements, grants for the repair and renovation of historic buildings and shop fronts, as well as community engagement projects. More than £1 million of government high streets funding has been secured from Historic England, after the town was designated a High Street Heritage Action Zone, matched by funding coming from SSDC as well as a contribution from Chard Town Council.

You can also visit [www.chardregeneration.co.uk](http://www.chardregeneration.co.uk) to view the latest information and details of scheduled works in the town centre.

## New PLO Introduction

A New Public Liaison Officer (PLO) local to Devon & Somerset has been employed on this project. Paul Nethercott began on 21<sup>st</sup> March and will see the project through to completion.

He will take over all community engagement including newsletters and can be contacted:

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Chard  
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\* Calls to these numbers are charged at national call rates and included in inclusive minute plans from landlines and mobiles

Calls are monitored out of normal work hours and a voicemail facility is available.

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[www.chardregeneration.co.uk](http://www.chardregeneration.co.uk)

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## Project Timeline

- **September 2021:** Project Started
- **October/November 2021:** Enhanced junction of Marketfield and Fore Street
- **November 2021:** Started work on new islands, drainage, kerb lines and gully's - Marketfield and Boden
- **November 2021:** Stringfellow sculpture removed and reduced the height of path to the same level of the road
- **December 2021:** Paving commenced North side of Fore Street / Tree pits created rear of Sainsbury's
- **December 2021 onwards:** Paving Holyrood /Fore Street Replaced and upgraded water channels
- **January/February 2022:** Installation of granite kerbs in Holyrood/Fore Street
- **February 2022:** Kerb, new footpath and tarmac Boden Street – Island complete – Howards Row area is now complete



## Traffic Management (TM) Update

A one way system is in place in Boden Street - This will be permanent once work is completed.

We are handing back parking bays in Holyrood Street as soon as we can and when area is safe and complete.

## Work Progress

- Ongoing work will continue in Holyrood street re paving and installation of water channels and kerbing
- Finishing off junction Boden/Fore Street
- Installation drainage, signage and kerbing and paving
- Reinstallation of Stringfellow statue
- Landscaping
- We are hoping that works on Holyrood Street will be complete on the 20<sup>th</sup> April and Fore Street will be complete before the Easter Break.
- Work will concentrate on the Eastern Gateway – This will take approximately 2 weeks to complete

## Project Completion Date

The Chard Town Centre Public Realm Improvements Project is due to be completed for Mid May 2022.

We understand that that this has been disruptive for the community and we apologise for any inconvenience that this has caused whilst these improvements have been made.

Everyone is working hard to ensure disruption has been kept to a minimum.



## Environmental & Community News

- We have managed to recycle existing paving slabs to local church
- Wooden pallets have been given to local resident for furniture making
- Raised £100 on-site for Ukrainian appeal - Items brought included medical, toiletries and tinned food



## Employment & Education

- 1 x apprentice on-site studying at Weston College Bristol
- Local labour has been used throughout project by sub-contractor
- Primary schools contacted re Dangers on Construction Sites presentation for children
- Academy contacted re Civil Engineering presentation and talk on career paths and apprenticeships



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