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Major work to regenerate Chesterfield town centre is progressing well since the start on site in July. This newsletter features updates about our 'Revitalising the Heart of Chesterfield' project, keeping residents and businesses up to date with what's happening.

Improvements underway in Market Place



The first phase of town centre regeneration work is progressing well in the upper section of Market Place.

Stalls have been cleared from this area and work to lift the existing cobbles and yorkstone paving – ready for cleaning, levelling and re-laying – is well underway.

All town centre businesses and market stalls are open as usual, with some market traders temporarily moved to other parts of the town centre.

This is the first phase of the regeneration scheme being delivered with Thomas Bow. We're improving the look, feel and flow of key public spaces across the town centre, and revitalising the town's historic market.

Working closely with traders, we're creating an improved market layout with new stalls and enhancements to paving, seating and lighting.

Work will then move on to New Square – to create an attractive and flexible space that will complement the main market and speciality markets, but can also be used to host festivals, events, cultural celebrations, and community gatherings.

Further phases will see Rykneld Square transformed to create a green and welcoming space from which to enjoy our much-loved Crooked Spire.

Separately, G F Tomlinson will carry out improvements to Corporation Street to create a new gateway to the refurbished Stephenson Memorial Hall, which houses the Pomegranate Theatre and Chesterfield Museum.

Pictured below (left): Councillors Tricia Gilby and Kate Sarvent met with Louise Bruynseels a regular market trader and John Allen the Construction Director at contractor Thomas Bow, to mark the start of work on site in the upper section of Market Place.

Pictured below (right): Artist's impression of the revamped Market Place.



Let's talk cobbles!



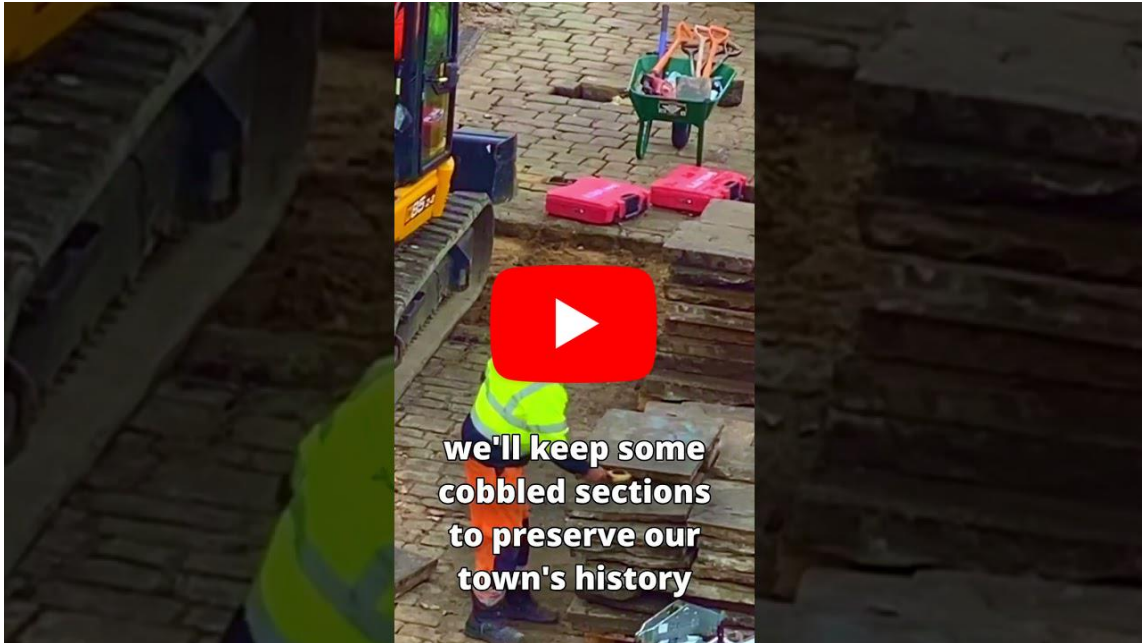
Love them or hate them, the market cobbles are an important part of our history and heritage – and they've been the talk of the town recently!

We know that many people find them difficult to navigate and they can cause accessibility issues for some people such as wheelchair and mobility scooter users, and people with prams.

We aim to strike a balance, with around 95% of the cobbles in the market squares – on the highways and pavements – being lifted, cleaned and re-laid.

This will include levelling off the cobbles, to smooth the rounded and uneven edges – making more even and accessible routes. The current yorkstone paving which is largely underneath the market stalls will be re-laid.

Our short video shows some of the work underway.



"We're all immensely proud of our town centre and historic market, and we're investing in its future to help it thrive for generations to come."

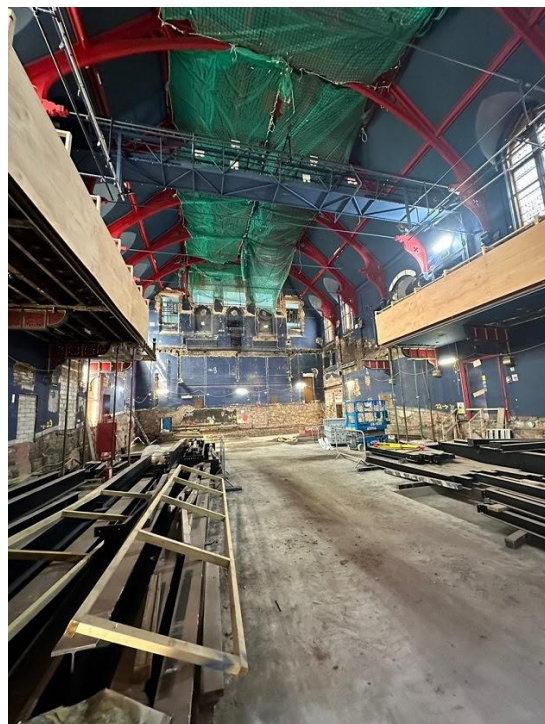
Councillor Kate Sarvent, cabinet member for town centres and visitor economy



Theatre and museum refurbishment

A major element of our Revitalising the Heart of Chesterfield project is the refurbishment of the historic Stephenson Memorial Hall - home to the Pomegranate Theatre and Chesterfield Museum.

Significant progress can be seen in the theatre auditorium (pictured right); the circle has been stripped back, with the decorative panelling being safely stored, ready to be reinstalled, and new floor has been laid.



The new lift shaft and back of house area – providing improved facilities for production companies – have also been progressing at pace.

Protecting our history

As well as upgrading the theatre and museum facilities, much of the work is improving the fabric of the building to protect it for generations to come – including work to the roof and brickwork.



More information

If you have a question about the about the regeneration work, please email: rhocenquiries@chesterfield.gov.uk

[Visit the website to find out more about the project](#)

