

APRIL 2020

REDISCOVERING THE UNDERBANKS

Quarterly Newsletter - Spring Edition

PUBLIC REALM WORKS HAVE BEGUN

Works to improve the area

The first phase of the public realm works are currently on hold in light of current government guidelines regarding COVID-19. The area has been made safe and footway and street furniture repairs will resume upon the relaxation of working restrictions.

The works have substantially started and will see the laying of a temporary coloured surface from the bollards at Robinsons Brewery to Royal Oak Yard. This will allow for redevelopment works to properties in this area to take place. At a later stage when the developments are complete, high quality, heritage paving setts will replace the coloured surface. Repairs to the footpath and redecoration of the street furniture along this section will also take place as part of phase one.

Phase two of these works is currently programmed for late 2020 and will also involve laying high quality heritage paving setts from Royal Oak Yard to the roundabout at the bottom of Little Underbank.



NEW INFORMATION BOARDS

Find out about future plans and projects

There will be new information boards installed outside the White Lion and on the hoardings of 1-3 Lower Hillgate. These boards will highlight key projects being undertaken in the area and will be installed when government restrictions are lifted.

NEW TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE ASSISTANT!

Natasha has joined the Development and Regeneration Team

We have recently appointed a new Townscape Heritage Assistant, Natasha, who started with us in March. Natasha will be completing a Level 4 Project Management Apprenticeship over the next twenty months and will be working with Peter, the Townscape Heritage Manager on a number of projects to assist with regeneration plans and bringing more activities to the area.



WORK TO BEGIN ON WINTERS AND 13 LITTLE UNDERBANK!

Repair and restoration works will take place

Exciting news as grant has been awarded which will allow work to begin on Winters, the iconic Grade II listed building in Little Underbank. Work will include sensitive repairs and restoration of the building, including the clock which will soon chime again!

13 Little Underbank is another exciting restoration project which will involve both external and structural repairs and will see the shop front being reverted back to its original glory. Both of the current tenants will continue to trade for the majority of the works.

Contractors for both properties will start on site when government restrictions are lifted.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Other things going on in the area

We took a visit to see Prescott's Townscape Heritage (TH) Scheme in March where 20 out of the 36 projects have been completed. We were impressed with the quality of works and have taken some useful tips and advice.

The apartments above the White Lion are now complete with all 11 being let. Once the works are complete on the ground floor and basement, these spaces will be intended for a food and beverage offer. The White Lion has been nominated for 'The Best Change of Use of an Existing Building' and 'Best Social or Affordable New Housing Development' awards at the LABC North West Building Excellence Awards 2020.

The Underbanks now has its own social media channels where updates on projects will be shared along with any news and events in the area. You can follow the below pages to keep up to date:



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