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REDISCOVERING THE UNDERBANKS

Newsletter

PHASE 2 OF PUBLIC REALM WORKS COMPLETE!

High quality heritage style setts have been laid on Little Underbank

Phase two of the Underbanks public realm works are now complete. These works involved a full reconstruction of the road and paving from the roundabout at the westerly end of Little Underbank to Royal Oak Yard.

As part of the works, high quality heritage-style setts were laid on top of reinforced concrete slabs to strengthen the carriageway. Utility upgrades were also undertaken in conjunction with these works to aid in futureproofing the area.

The third and final phase of the public realm works are due to be completed in 2023 following the redevelopment of buildings in the area. Like Phase Two, these works will involve a full reconstruction of the road and paving using heritage-style setts, this time from Royal Oak Yard to the automatic bollards at Robinsons Brewery.



WINTERS STARTS ON SITE!

Work begins to transform the iconic building into a French restaurant

The iconic Grade II listed building on Little Underbank is being restored to its former glory. The building will undergo sensitive repairs and restoration works, including work to its unique, automated clock and figures.

The build programme aims to be complete by late 2021, transforming this much-loved building into an exciting French restaurant. The new restaurant will be joining a successful and growing number of independent bars and restaurants in the town centre.

The main contractor for the project is family-run, Manchester based, HH Smith and Sons, and will see construction students from Stockport College work alongside their team to gain valuable experience in heritage techniques.



HALL & CO DEVELOPMENTS

Vacant sites set to become mixed-use developments

Local developers, Hall & Co, will develop three gap sites in the Underbanks, transforming them into high-quality residential apartments and commercial units. The developments will be in keeping with the heritage of the area and support its future growth.

This project will be the second Hall & Co development in central Stockport, following the transformation of the Grade II listed Bank Chambers, now home to ProFolk.



13 LITTLE UNDERBANK NEARS COMPLETION!

New co-working space to open on Little Underbank

The Grade II listed building is being sensitively restored by Kelsall Architects and local heritage contractors Maysand. The work is expected to be complete by May 2021 and will be the first building repaired and restored under the Townscape Heritage initiative.

The work has included stonework repairs, repointing and installation of new windows. The next stage will see the building's original arched shopfront reinstated using stone that has been carefully matched to the existing façade.

The top floor of the building will become an exciting new co-working space, with existing tenants, Del Barista and Age UK, reopening when the works are complete.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Other things going on in the area

Grant has been approved for 15 Lower Hillgate and work is set to start on site this month to repair and reinstate the building. The project will see new commercial space and apartments. The works are expected to complete in Summer 2021.

Working alongside Totally Stockport, ARC and The Writing Squad, high-quality bespoke murals will be commissioned to revive a number of blank building facades. The murals will be linked to the heritage of the area and will encourage people to visit the Underbanks as part of a wider COVID-19 recovery programme.

Martin Zero, Urban Explorer, with input from Stockport Heritage Trust, will be creating a video that will showcase the Underbanks' unique and hidden history. Follow us on Instagram and Twitter for updates on the video's release.



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