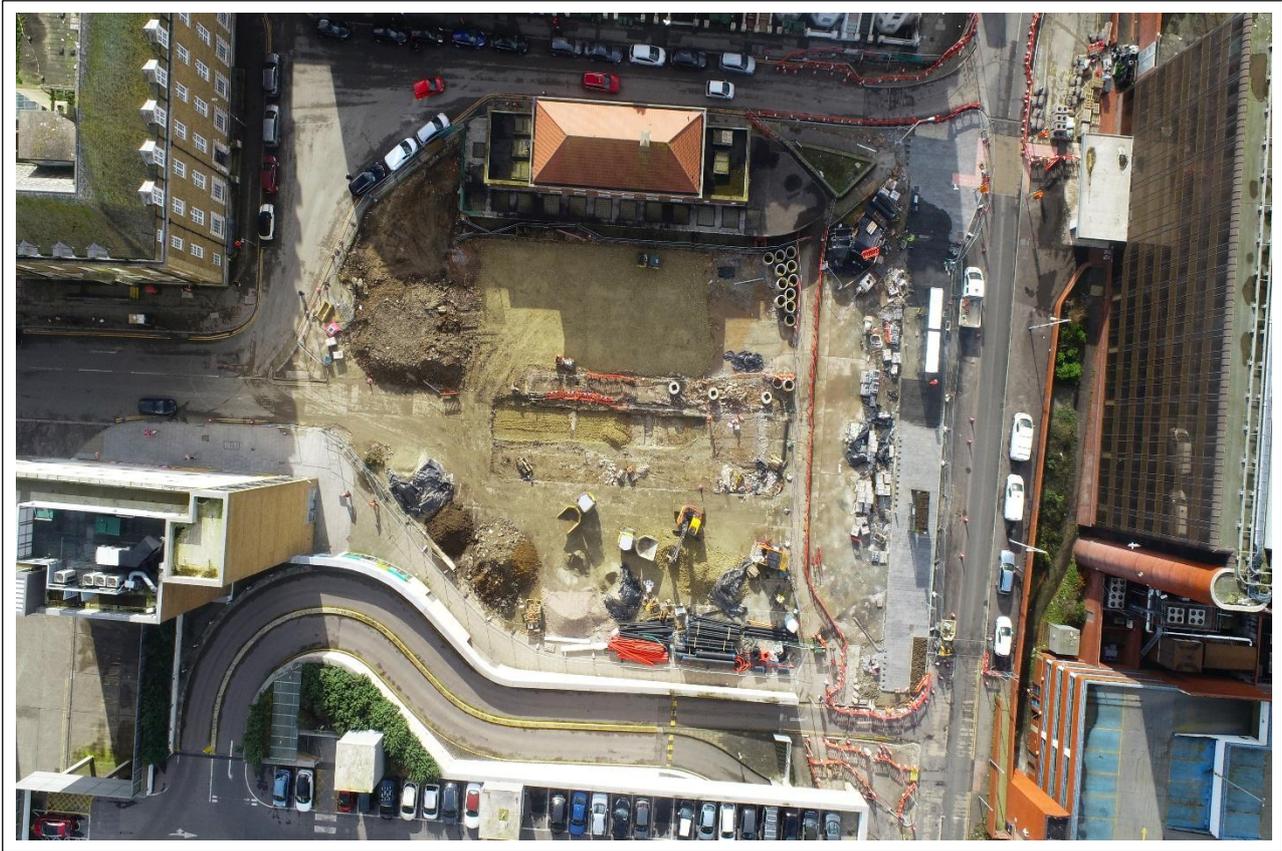


Folkestone – A Brighter Future

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An aerial view of the former bus station and new public realm area.

To members of the public,

The Folkestone - A Brighter Future Scheme has progressed significantly over the recent months.

Cheriton Road

Over the past month along Cheriton Road we have been continuing with the installation of rain gardens, and we have successfully made our way down towards the town centre. Over recent weeks we have carried out new footway works which have involved, installing traffic management, narrowing carriageway lanes slightly to allow safe working space. Parking bays were also suspended as our work area moved along the road. Once the preparation work was complete, the redundant footways were broken out, pavements were resurfaced, and new edgings installed.



Shellons Street/Guildhall Street

Most of the new granite paving along Shellons Street and Guildhall Street is complete, with just a small section left to complete next to Mayfair Newsagents and Shepway Taxis. We aim to have this completed by the end of March. We will always provide access to and from businesses while we carry out works.

On Monday 9th of March to Friday 13th March, we will be carrying out overnight works along Shellons Street Westbound from Grace Hill roundabout to the junction with Middelburg Square. This road will be closed from the hours of 21:00 and 05:00 so we can safely carry out these works. Over five consecutive nights we will be surfacing the road, installing road markings and installing traffic signals at the pedestrian crossing. We will also be installing high friction surfacing which is an anti-skid road treatment which will create a safer environment for road users and pedestrians. During the work vehicles will be diverted via Foord Road, Radnor Park Road, left turn along Cheriton Road, towards the town centre.

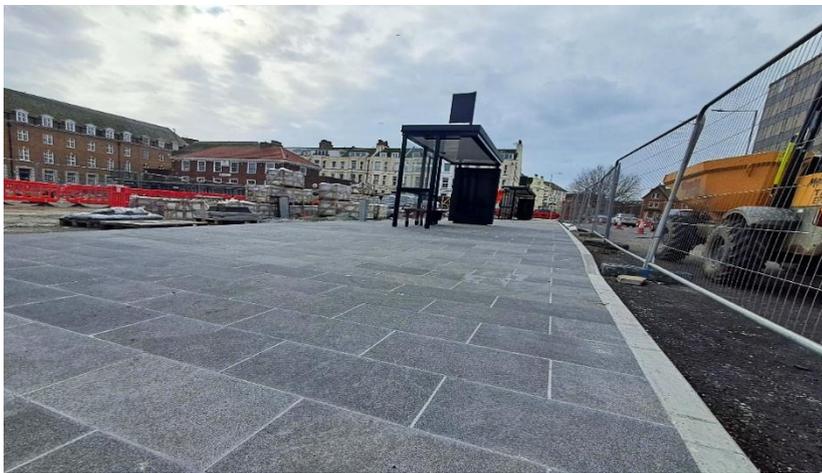
Middelburg Square East

At Middelburg Square East we have continued widening the kerb line to facilitate the new footpath. We have installed new footway drainage and are now preparing the area for tarmac which will be installed the end of February. Once the tarmac is laid, we will then begin to install paving similar to the paving outside of Primark.



Middelburg Square South

Along Middelburg Square South we have continued carrying out footway works, we have almost completed the installation of granite flag paving, this area will be accessible for pedestrians at the end of this month (February). The new F1 and F2 bus stops have now been installed and will be in



action on Monday the 2nd of March. Stagecoach staff will be onsite on Monday to help passengers with any queries.

A new planter has been excavated and installed in this area, topsoil has also now been installed and is ready for planting which will commence in Spring 2026.

Middelburg Square West

At Middelburg Square South we have been continuing with drainage and road construction works. Safety fencing was erected; road and footway signage was installed along with gullies for highway drainage. We have begun constructing new rain gardens in the redundant traffic island excavated this area and then installing new pipes. We also broke out redundant tarmac for new island

planters, and topsoil was installed. Bouverie Road West, westbound and Cheriton Place will be closed from Monday 2nd of March until Friday 24th of April. This closure is necessary due to new drainage, road and footway works that are required to create a safer environment for pedestrians and road users. A diversion will be in place via Cheriton Gardens, Shorncliffe Road, left at the roundabout down Castle Hill Avenue and then onto Sandgate Road. Cheriton Place will temporarily be made two ways; vehicles will be able to enter and exit from Sandgate Road. As Cheriton Place is a narrow road, all parking bays will be temporarily suspended during this time. Pedestrians will still be able to access Cheriton Place, travelling from Bouverie Road West towards the town centre. All businesses will remain open as usual.

Bouverie Square Public Realm Area

The public toilets at Bouverie Square remain closed and pedestrian access to these will be closed from Monday 2 March until these reopen. The toilets are undergoing significant refurbishment and will open in late Spring.



An infiltration tank will be installed in Bouverie Square next month. In addition, further drainage works will be carried out, kerb line preparations will take place, and paving formation layers will also be installed.

Shorncliffe Road Junction

At the Shorncliffe junction we have carried out drainage works, involving the installation of new rain gardens.

Southern Water installed new pipes and gullies and connected these to the sewer. Investigation works near live services have been undertaken, and asphalt was installed to footways and roads. New footway works were also carried out, Cheriton Road Northbound was closed and a diversion was provided. Redundant kerbs and footways were broken out and new kerbs and edgings were then installed. Belisha beacons and signs were also installed, as were new streetlight columns.

Next month Manor Road will be closed at the end nearest Shorncliffe Junction from the 11th of March until the 30th of March. This closure is necessary for the next stage of our work to improve Shorncliffe Junction. Vehicles will still be able to access Manor Road from the other end of the street.

Sandgate Road

The installation of new granite paving to the entrance of the pedestrianised area of Sandgate Road has been successful so far with the majority of the area repaved. At the end of February, we will switch the pedestrian route and focus on paving the area adjacent to Greggs, while maintaining access at all times. We aim to have these works complete by the end of March.

Archaeology

Excavations have been carried out over recent months in the Bouverie Square Public Realm area, and it is hoped that the remains of the WW2 air raid shelter may be revealed. Yet no significant archaeology has been observed.

During the trenching along Cheriton Road for the new rain gardens, fragments of bronze age pottery were found, which date back to 1000BC. Excavations are ongoing in this area, so it is possible that more evidence of prehistoric Folkestone may be revealed.

Community works

Jackson donated soil to The Locavore Project, which is a not-for-profit local organisation that is developing a community garden project on a plot of land near Folkestone. Two truckloads worth of topsoil was donated to the local charity who will use it for their community project and share it with nearby community groups, including the Nepalese community. The Locavore project operates through bringing people together to grow, cook and share food. They work to provide access to nature and green spaces, increase food education, empower and support the local community to grow their own food.

Jackson have recently been liaising with local schools and are looking forward to further exciting opportunities coming up over the next month.



For more information on the roads scheme, please visit Kent County Council's website.

www.kent.gov.uk/folkestoneabrighterfuture

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