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Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay



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Hello and welcome to our latest edition of the Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay newsletter.

This is a regular bulletin to keep you up to date with progress on our ambitious masterplan regeneration projects in North Shields town centre and riverside.

In this edition you'll find the latest updates on:

1. Riverside Embankment Walkway
2. Bedford Street

Our ambition for North Shields aims to create a more vibrant town centre with more flexible retail opportunities, expanding the evening and weekend economy and improving the quality of public space in the town centre.

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Riverside Embankment Walkway



North Shields Riverside Embankment Walkway is due to open to the public for the first time this Friday, December 20.

The walkway links North Shields' improved town centre with the bustling Fish Quay, providing step-free access with route options to suit different needs.

The project has created an attraction in its own right, with stunning views of the Tyne, attractive landscaping and an exciting public artwork coming soon.

The Riverside Embankment Walkway has been designed with environmental sustainability and safety at its heart, providing benefits for health and well being, and vastly improving the appearance of the local landscape.

Before, the bank was overgrown with dense vegetation and the only pedestrian access to the Fish Quay was via historic steep flights of stairs or the difficult gradients of Borough Road, Tanners Bank and Brewhouse Bank.

The walkway is opening in time for Christmas, making it easier for people to enjoy the pubs, restaurants, cafes, heritage attractions and artworks that make North Shields Fish Quay a popular leisure destination and desirable residential area.

The planting and landscaping will take time to establish due to the winter season, and will

flourish to its full potential during the spring and summer months.

Despite a delay to the project caused by the need for additional groundworks, the project has hit its revised completion date of December 2024.

The final road closures on Tyne Street and Liddell Street / Bell Street are due to be lifted later this week.

Following a break in activities over the festive period, final snagging works will undertaken in the early New Year from 6 January to 14 February.

The existing Western staircase (Library Stairs) will remain closed over the festive period while upgrades to the existing lighting columns are undertaken. Works will be completed in the early New Year and we expect the stairs to be fully open to the public by 14 February.

Residents and businesses are thanked for their patience and understanding.

Bedford Street



Improvement works on Bedford Street are due to begin on 13 January, with the team removing the clock tower and setting up the site compound.

The work schedule will avoid any disruption to shopping during the Christmas period.

The main aspects of the work are repaving the streets, the removal of the clock tower, adding new seating and planting mature trees. The works will be carried out by our strategic partner Capita.

The site compound will be at the rear of North Shields Transport Hub on Railway Terrace.

Site staff will arrive from 7.30am while working hours will be 8am to 5pm, with some out of hours working during the project.

The team will work hard to maintain access to businesses and residential properties.

To ensure the safety of site staff and the public, there will be localised pedestrian diversions in place, please follow onsite signage.

On Russell Street and Wellington Street, access will be maintained for vehicles, however there will be traffic management in place, please follow onsite signage.

The taxi rank currently located behind the Transport Hub will be temporarily relocated to Nile Street when the construction work is underway – this will be clearly signposted.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Wishing all the residents and businesses in North Shields a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at the Ambition for North Shields team.

Thank you for all your support, patience, input and comments during 2024.



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