

# Westside WEEKLY

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## Welcome

'Westside Weekly' is a newsletter designed to keep those working and living in the area up-to-date on the progress of the Birmingham Westside Metro extension.



## Getting Around



We appreciate that everyone will have a different journey; the following is to assist you to plan ahead:

Paradise Circus is closed in both directions until summer 2019 to facilitate the Metro construction from Victoria Square to Centenary Square. The A38 underpass remains open in both directions. Centenary Square is also closed to vehicles, while buses are diverting via Sheepcote Street and Bath Row. Traffic on Brunel Street will flow in the opposite direction for the duration of the closure.

There will be temporary four-way traffic lights in Navigation Street on Tuesday 30 October between 21:00 hours and 04:00 hours, for road marking works.

Ongoing utilities works will be taking place outside of the Reflex night club for gas pipe connections and the disconnection of the existing water mains.

There will be no access to Sheepcote Street from Broad Street from 09:30 hours until 18:30 hours on Sunday 28 October, to allow for the disconnection of the existing water mains. This is not expected to impact water supply in the area.

One lane is closed from the Sheepcote Street junction of Broad Street, towards the city centre, to allow gas works to take place. These works are scheduled to finish on Friday 30 November.

We recommend that you plan ahead, consider using public transport, walking or cycling if possible. If you do have to travel by car, allow more time for your journey and consider travelling off-peak if possible. For travel advice, visit: [www.networkwestmidlands.com/keepmoving](http://www.networkwestmidlands.com/keepmoving)

## Metro extension work this week

### Stephenson Street

Drainage works to the eight metre deep storm drain have advanced and are nearing completion. These works are to enable the connection of new track with the existing line.

### Pinfold Street

This week, progress has continued with the pouring of concrete for the floating track slab. This will minimise the vibration impact when the Metro is in operation. A total of 703 tonnes of concrete has been poured so far in Pinfold Street.

### Paradise Street

Works have taken place this week to install new drainage. Strengthening works to the ground under the track have continued.

### Victoria Square

Works to reinstate the asphalt in time for the Frankfurt Christmas Market have progressed.

### Broad Street

Concrete has been poured to form the foundation of the new kerb line, while excavation works to allow for the utility diversions has been ongoing.



## Commitment to cutting carbon emissions

In our commitment to reducing our carbon impact, both of our site offices in Tennant Street and Swallow Street are now being powered with 100% renewable energy.

We have also stopped using plastic cups at the site offices, with all operatives being issued with reusable water bottles, helping to maintain a positive impact on the environment.

## Charity support for Acorns

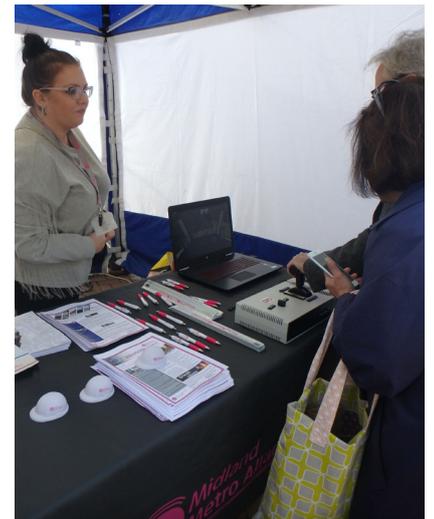
Christmas shopping started early for construction staff when they helped raise money for Acorns Children's Hospice.

They supported the charity by digging deep to purchase some of the charity's annual festive cards in aid of life-limited children and their families. Acorns is one of the Midland Metro Alliance's chosen charities for the year.



## Community spirit at Diwali event

The Midland Metro Alliance showed community spirit at this year's Diwali on the Square event. Amy Walker, our dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officer for the route, attended the festival in Victoria Square, where she spoke to visitors about the extension and how it will help transform the West Midlands. Passers-by also got a chance to test their tram driving abilities by directing the tram along part of the new route, from Grand Central to Centenary Square.



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