



Transforming WOLVERHAMPTON

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Welcome

Welcome to 'Transforming Wolverhampton', a newsletter designed to keep those working and living in the area up-to-date on the progress of the Wolverhampton City Centre Metro extension.



Getting Around



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

Pedestrian access throughout Pipers Row will be maintained via clearly signed footpath diversions. This is to allow for improvements to be carried out to the pedestrian area, including laying new paving.

The loading bay on Pipers Row will close from Monday 5 November until Monday 12 November in order to extend the current area used for deliveries. A new loading bay will be located between Berry Street and Lichfield Street. Clearly signed diversion routes will be in place for any deliveries.

A diversion is in place for access to Pipers Row directly from Bilston Street. Vehicles wishing to access Pipers Row from the right-hand turn on Bilston Street will need to follow the diversion via St. George's Parade and Garrick Street, before turning left into Pipers Row. This diversion will be in place until signals are installed at the junction.

As works progress, Railway Drive will remain closed and will be accessible to permit holders only.

Pedestrian access is being maintained at all times. However, as it is a live work site, pedestrian routes may change periodically as the work progresses.

We recommend that you allow extra time, use real-time information to plan your trip, use public transport if you can, and consider re-timing your journey, if possible. For further travel advice, visit: www.networkwestmidlands.com/keepmoving



Metro extension work this week

Pipers Row

Footpath paving works are ongoing at various locations in Bilston Street and Pipers Row. Good progress has been made on the installation of drainage and the retaining wall, which will sit behind the Metro stop by the NCP car park on Pipers Row.

Railway Drive

Rail and sleepers have been installed, while kerbs have been laid up to the Railway Drive road bridge. Works to install rail across the bridge have advanced, with one side of the bridge almost complete. These works are set to continue over the coming weeks, together with some resurfacing works.

Commitment to safety

The team working on the Wolverhampton extension are celebrating after being rated 'beyond compliance' in its first Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) visit.

An inspector from the scheme visited the site to assess whether it met each of the five categories in its Code of Considerate Practice, including Protecting the Environment, Valuing their Workforce and Care about Appearance.

The Wolverhampton team earned an overall score of 37/50 resulting in the performance marking of 'beyond compliance'.

The CCS representative also noted that the Midland Metro Alliance is keen to promote and encourage new entrants into the industry. This has been achieved through our engagement with local schools and colleges, including West Midlands Construction UTC.

The inspector said: "Overall this is an excellent project with regards the principles of considerate construction."



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.

Updating community about works

The Midland Metro Alliance's dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officers for the route continue to keep residents, visitors and students informed about the progress of the extension.

Satkar Chatha and Shervorne Brown spent an afternoon at Wolverhampton Bus Station giving updates on the extension works in the city and across the region. Satkar also spoke to prospective students and their families during an open day at West Midlands Construction UTC.

Meanwhile, Year 13 students from UTC spent a week at the Midland Metro Alliance's office learning all about the construction industry and career options available to them.

Staff members presented to the group about their careers, qualifications and experience in industry.

The visit was an opportunity for the students to explore what options are available to them and the different career paths they can take within the light rail industry.



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