



# 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:**

The loading bay on Pipers Row has been temporarily relocated in the area (outside of Costa Coffee) whilst works continue to extend the current area used for deliveries. The original loading bay is expected to be back in operation in January.

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 by spring 2019.

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](http://www.networkwestmidlands.com/keepmoving)**

### Metro extension work this week

#### Pipers Row

Paving works continue throughout Pipers Row. The installation of kerbing has been substantially completed outside of the Britannia Hotel and foundations for lighting columns are planned to be complete by the end of week commencing Monday 12 November.

Temporary surfacing works are expected to be completed by Friday 23 November.

#### Railway Drive

Work for the outbound section of track (for services towards Birmingham) have been completed recently with all track installed and encapsulated in asphalt. The process to waterproof this section is scheduled to take place from Monday 12 November. The temporary road surface for the opposite side of Railway Drive has recently been completed.

More than 70% of the paving has been completed at the junction between Railway Drive and Pipers Row and foundations for street lighting are expected to be installed by Friday 16 November.

### Christmas working arrangements

Works currently underway to improve the street scene in Pipers Row and Railway Drive, are due to be completed by summer 2019.

Construction in the City of Wolverhampton will pause from Friday 23 November until Monday 7 January 2019 during the city's annual Christmas embargo. There will continue to be a small maintenance team in situ during this period.

All pedestrian footpaths will be open during this period and a map is available at [www.metroalliance.co.uk](http://www.metroalliance.co.uk) highlighting all pedestrian, motorist and cyclist routes. Pink barriers may still be in place around pedestrian crossing locations in Berry Street, Lichfield Street, Fryer Street and along the kerb line in Pipers Row.



### Enjoy a Winter Wolverhampton

Christmas is fast approaching and the City of Wolverhampton has plenty to see and do for all the family this November and December.

In Wolverhampton City Centre, the fun begins on Saturday 24 November at noon with a free outdoor screening of *The Greatest Showman* on the Signal 107 stage in Queen Square. There will also be a festive market in Dudley Street (which returns to Wolverhampton between Friday 14 and Sunday 16 December), a funfair, real reindeer and much more.

The celebrations on Saturday 24 November culminate with the Christmas lights being switched on at 5pm by the cast of the Grand Theatre pantomime, *Sleeping Beauty* which is running between Saturday 8 December 2018 to Sunday 13 January 2019.

You can find out more about festive events in the city by visiting the website of the Wolverhampton Business Improvement District: [www.enjoywolverhampton.com](http://www.enjoywolverhampton.com).

### Charity support for the Royal British Legion

Staff at our Wolverhampton site depot were recently visited by team members from the Highways Department of the City of Wolverhampton Council who were raising funds for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

Amanda Millard and Linda Downing spent the summer knitting over 250 large poppies for a commemorative display to mark 100 years since the end of the Great War. Amanda and Linda, along with other local knitting groups, helped to provide 2,000 knitted poppies for the art installation which was on display at Willenhall Library (as pictured).

The pair then decided to continue their handiwork and knit more poppies to sell and raise money for the Royal British Legion. At the end of October, Amanda and Linda had raised a total of £1202.11 for the Royal British Legion by Remembrance Sunday.



**How can I get further information?**

For further information or to view past issues of the newsletter please visit: [www.metroalliance.co.uk](http://www.metroalliance.co.uk)

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