

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 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.

The lower section of Pinfold Street is only open to vehicles accessing Victoria Square House car park whilst work is completed to connect the existing Metro line with the track of the new extension.

Ongoing works to futureproof utility infrastructure are taking place outside of the Reflex nightclub.

The Broad Street Canal Tunnel is closed to canal and towpath traffic until spring 2019 for strengthening works. Clearly signed diversion routes are in place.

Sheepcote Street access road is closed for utility diversion works until Sunday 3 March.

There are weekend lane closures on Hagley Road to enable utility works for the Sprint bus. One lane is closed inbound and one lane outbound.

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

Metro extension work this week

Stephenson Street

Concrete has been poured for the track in Stephenson Street and excavation work for the concrete bay is set to start in the coming weeks.

Pinfold Street

Steel reinforcement has been fitted in preparation for the pouring of concrete for the base of the track.

Victoria Square

Works to divert gas pipes in Victoria Square got underway this week as planned.

Paradise Street

Track has been fully installed in both the Edgbaston and Wolverhampton directions. Meanwhile, due to favourable weather this week, waterproofing to the A38 took place and has been successfully completed.

Broad Street

The footpath leading to HSBC bank has now opened, while more progress has been made on the installation of kerbing.



time to change
time to talk day
26/02/19
UK'S BEST MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION

- 1 'HOW ARE YOU?'
- 2 COMMENTS ABOUT THE WEATHER
- 3 MENTAL HEALTH FACTS

1 VIEW BROADENED

However you do it, make a conversation about mental health.
#timetotalk

Logos for NHS, Mind, and other partners.

Tackling mental health issues

As part of our ongoing commitment to mental health in the workplace, we supported the Time to Talk Day initiative on Tuesday 26 February aimed at encouraging people to have a conversation about mental health.

Awareness sessions were held throughout the day to encourage positive attitudes towards mental health awareness among colleagues.



Deborah takes on new heights

The Midland Metro Alliance's Quality Manager has embarked on a trip of a lifetime trekking from Nepal to Everest Base Camp in support of migrant children.

Deborah Lawley, who set off on her adventure on Thursday 28 February, will be tackling the 130km round trip to raise money for Brick Children School, a community project supporting migrant families working in the brick fields of the Kathmandu Valley.

More information can be found on Deborah's Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/deborah-lawley3>



Delivering outcomes that benefit society

We are delighted to have been announced as one of the New Civil Engineer (NCE) 100 companies of the year for 2019 - for the second year running.

The NCE100 Power List recognises the most forward-thinking, innovative firms operating in civil engineering that are helping to drive the industry forward.

We were shortlisted for being a firm that is "doing the right things, in the right way, to deliver the outcomes that benefit society".



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