

# 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:**

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 shortly.

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 month

### Pipers Row

Paving work has continued along Pipers Row in addition to ongoing street scene improvements. These works are on schedule to be completed in summer 2019, with the most recent area of construction being the footpath at the junction of Pipers Row and Queen Street. A large area of paving has been laid near the Britannia Hotel and this should be finished shortly.

Earlier in June, the newly installed track was successfully connected to the existing Metro line in Bilston Street close to the Wolverhampton St. George's stop.



## New City railway station building making its mark

Good progress continues to be made on phase one of City of Wolverhampton's new railway station building - and it is already dominating the city centre skyline.

Contractors Galliford Try have completed the steel framework, floor slabs have been laid, block work for the external walls continues, and cladding the building is underway. Work to make the roof watertight is ongoing and once completed will pave the way for the internal walls and ceilings to be constructed, and the services and telecoms installed.

The first section of the new station building is expected to become operational to customers in autumn 2019, when phase two of the programme - bringing down the remainder of the current station building and completing the new build - will also start. The new state-of-the-art railway station building to serve the city will be fully open in summer 2020, with the final construction for the Wolverhampton City Centre Metro extension commencing soon after.

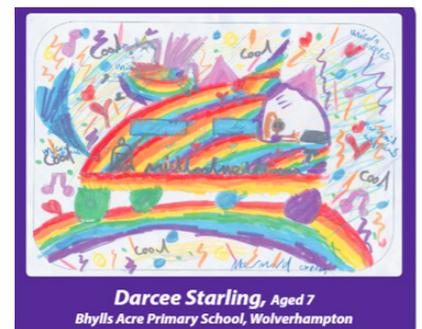


## Darcee needs your votes

For the second year in a row, the Midland Metro Alliance has been teamed with a Wolverhampton school in the annual 'Design an Ad' competition by the Express and Star. Each year school children from across Wolverhampton are paired with local businesses and asked to design them an image which could be used in an advert.

This year, our followers on social media, picked Darcee from Bhylls Acre Primary School as the winning design, and she's now up against 20 other designs to win £500 for her school at the grand final on Tuesday 9 July.

We would love it if you could support Darcee, and Bhylls Acre Primary School, by voting at the [Express and Star's website](http://www.expressandstar.com) for her colourful rainbow tram.



## Enjoy Wolverhampton this summer

After a bit of a wet start to June, it seems that summer is finally here. There's a ton of fun to be seen and done in Wolverhampton during the school holidays, including the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition which is at the Wolverhampton Art Gallery between 29 June and 1 September 2019.

In addition, Armed Forces Day takes place on tomorrow between 12pm and 5pm at West Park. There's a fun fair, food, drink and performances from The Bluebird Belles, The Miss Fortunes and demonstrations from Wolverhampton's cadet groups.

As a thank you for those worked for armed forces, several city shops, bars and restaurants are offering generous discounts for serving personnel. Find out more at: <https://enjoywolverhampton.com/news/special-offers-for-armed-forces/>

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



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