



# 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.

Five Ways underpass is closed to traffic until 2021 as works continue for phase two of the Birmingham Westside extension. The roundabout, which runs above the underpass, will remain open as usual throughout the closure as will pedestrian and cyclist access through the Five Ways concourse.

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.

Traffic is reversed on Gas and Berkley Street and a mini roundabout has been installed at the junction of both roads, to help ease congestion.

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/Pinfold Street

Paving works got underway at the bottom of Pinfold Street this week to allow for the third phase of decorative concrete to be poured.

### Victoria Square

Steel fixing works have continued in preparation for concrete to be poured in the coming days.

### Paradise Street

Road surfacing works on Suffolk Street Queensway have been completed to binder course, which sits below the surface. Meanwhile, balustrade has been installed for the retaining wall and the footpath has been reduced to allow for new paving.

### Broad Street

Ducting work has taken place for the street lighting and traffic signals, while the ground levels have been raised around the retaining wall to allow for the base of the track to be poured in the coming days.

## Introducing our new Stakeholder Liaison Officer

We have a new dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officer who has joined the team to help answer all your questions about the first phase of the project.

Jack Stacey is on hand to deal with any queries relating to the extension from Grand Central to Centenary Square, and will be filling in for Amy Walker who will be leaving for maternity leave in August.

Jack is looking forward to getting to know all stakeholders and ensuring that your needs and expectations are met where possible.

You can get in touch with the team by emailing [communications@metroalliance.co.uk](mailto:communications@metroalliance.co.uk)



## Top day out for competition winner

The lucky winner of our recent Hunt the Hazard competition enjoyed a fun-filled family day out at two popular attractions in Birmingham. Cassius, from Leicester, visited the city on June 6 and spent the day enjoying activities at the National Sea Life and Lego Discovery Centres.

He had a fantastic time with his family and we would like to thank the two centres for their generosity in donating the free tickets for us to use as the winning prize.

Cassius took part in the competition at Birmingham Library in April where he joined dozens of children learning all about the risks of playing on or near construction sites.

# FAMILY FESTIVAL

Sat 15 June

## Join in the fun at Brindleyplace Family Festival

Visit Brindleyplace this weekend and join in the fun at this year's Family Festival while helping raise money for charity.

Featuring the renowned Dragonboat Race, the annual event will take place on Saturday 15 June with all proceeds going to Cure Leukaemia. There will also be magician shows, dance workshops and a petting zoo on the day.

To find out more, visit: <https://www.brindleyplace.com/event/family-festival/>



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