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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, which is being designed and delivered by the Midland Metro Alliance on behalf of Transport for West Midlands (TfWM).



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 vehicular 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.

For further travel advice, visit:
www.networkwestmidlands.com/keepmoving

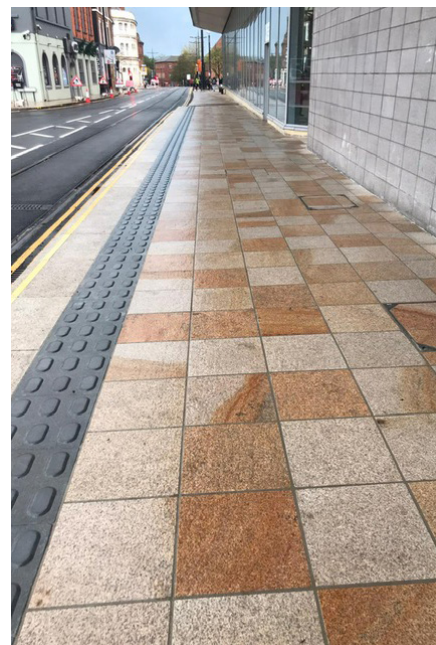
Metro extension works this month

Since the last issue of Transforming Wolverhampton, finishing works have continued in the city with Bilston Street and Pipers Row re-surfaced with a final asphalt layer and waterproofing. Following this new road markings have been painted.

The two weeks of work were completed with a full road closure of Pipers Row and its surrounding junctions. The first stage of the works were completed three days ahead of schedule allowing bus traffic to exit directly onto Pipers Row earlier than planned, minimising disruption to the travelling public.

In addition, street scene improvements were completed, with planters, tree pits, pedestrian guardrails installed, along with all relevant traffic signage.

Some additional paving works in Princess Street were completed in November.



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Raising workplace awareness of pancreatic cancer

Did you know that it is estimated that by 2030 there will be over a million people of working age living with cancer?

In November, as part of awareness activities for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, Ali Stunt, Founder of Pancreatic Cancer Action visited our team with an inspiring and informative session on pancreatic cancer, which is the UK's fifth biggest cancer killer.

Ali shared advice and guidance on how to spot the signs of the cancer - swift and early diagnosis saves lives. Find out more at: <https://pancreaticcanceraction.org/>

It's a YES for BID 2

Wolverhampton City Centre businesses have voted 'YES' in a ballot in favour of continuing the Wolverhampton Business Improvement District (BID).

Initially voted for in 2015, Wolverhampton BID, under the branding 'Enjoy Wolverhampton', has delivered a full range of improvements in the city centre over the past five years and hoped to continue to do so. BID's legally can last for up to five years, so the BID team and Directors are extremely excited to have received such strong business support to continue and develop their services.

Results announced by Electoral Reform Services in late October showed that 78% of those businesses who voted were in favour of the BID. The vote gives the go-ahead for the Business Improvement District to drive forward their 2020 to 2025 Business Plan and secures £2.6 million of investment in the city centre over the next five years.

Cherry Shine, BID Director, said: "I am delighted by the fantastic support we have received from the business community who have been heavily involved in shaping the BID's plans for 2020 to 2025. Our work over the past five years has translated into actions with cleaner streets, brighter Christmas light displays, seasonal events including Enjoy Wolverhampton Live, Seaside in the City and the Christmas Grotto bringing additional footfall into the city and strong marketing of the city centre and its businesses to an ever increasing audience. Our Ambassador team are part of city life and CCTV surveillance and strong partnership working with West Midlands Police continues to make our city centre attractive and welcoming."

You can find out a bit more on how a business improvement district works by watching the following video on our vimeo channel: <https://vimeo.com/333305661>

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Current phase of works completed in Wolverhampton

The festive season is nearly upon us, and we wanted to share the great news that Wolverhampton BID have secured FREE Sunday parking on all four Sundays in December before Christmas at Wulfrun Centre NCP and Mander Centre.

If an evening visit to the city is more your style, you can also take advantage of reduced price parking between Monday and Saturday at the Wulfrun Centre NCP for just £2 after 6pm.

Wolverhampton BID and NCP have been working together to reduce the cost of parking for in the city centre with the aim to bring people to the city to shop and help them stay longer.

There is also FREE parking after 5pm on City of Wolverhampton Council's Fold Street and School Street car parks on Wednesday 4, 11 and 18 December, when using RingGo cashless parking. RingGo lets you pay for your parking without coins, you just need a payment card and a phone or PC. Simply register and select your chosen car park (the location code for Fold Street is 8036 or School Street 8040). Find out how RingGo cashless parking works at <https://www.myringgo.co.uk/howitworks>

There's more festive fun to be had in the city too, with a 10-day Festive market heading to Wolverhampton starting on 14 December and trading until Monday 23 December on Dudley Street & Queen Square.

The perfect Christmas shopping opportunity. Fabulous stalls with unique, handmade, original gifts, household items, party wear, bespoke decorations, wreaths, pudding pies and cakes, stocking fillers, a wide range of gifts, international street food, warm punch, mulled wine, tipples and plenty of Christmas spirit and weekend entertainment.

Find out more at www.enjoywolverhampton.com

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With the current street scene improvements along Pipers Row completed this will be final issue of Transforming Wolverhampton for 2019. The Midland Metro Alliance has now left site in Wolverhampton.

The alliance will return to lay the final sections of track, outside the revitalised Station Plaza, later in 2020, following the completion of the rebuilding of the city's new railway station. At this time, Transforming Wolverhampton will also resume publication to continue to keep those living, working and visiting the city up-to-date with progress of construction on the Wolverhampton City Centre Metro extension.



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