

# December 2024 Newsletter

## Taylor Woodrow - Celebration Mile 2024



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*Welcome to Taylor Woodrow's Celebration Mile Progress Update - December, 2024*

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Welcome to the second issue of Taylor Woodrow's newsletter for the Celebration Mile project on behalf of Somerset Council. This newsletter is published on the Somerset Council and Town Board websites, and aims to be issued at the start of each quarter. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep our scheme stakeholders and the local community updated with our progress throughout the project.

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## About the project



Taylor Woodrow is the acting principal contractor for the Bridgwater Celebration Mile public realm project on behalf of our client Somerset Council. The project spans over Eastover, Clare Street and Angel Crescent, with works including underground utility maintenance (renewal and diversion), installation of new kerb lines, modernisation of paving, upgraded drainage systems and the installation of street furnishings and soft landscaping.

The project started in July 2024 in the Eastover area, our overall works are due to be completed between the next 12 -18 months, with estimated completion due in summer 2025.

## Progress to date

September

- Angel Crescent work commenced early September and began with trial pits and excavation. The team have re-tarmacked the central part of Angel Crescent and will be paving early 2025. The focus is now on completing the new pavements that will run along the businesses entrances.
- New Road work commenced and we have installed new drainage, kerbs and pavements in the area, Work here is currently awaiting National Grid support, the

electric line that runs under the road surface is too shallow and requires a re-design, works here due to be completed early 2025.

- Delays in Eastover due to storm drainage conflicting with assisting utilities, lower part of Eastover has since been completed.

#### October

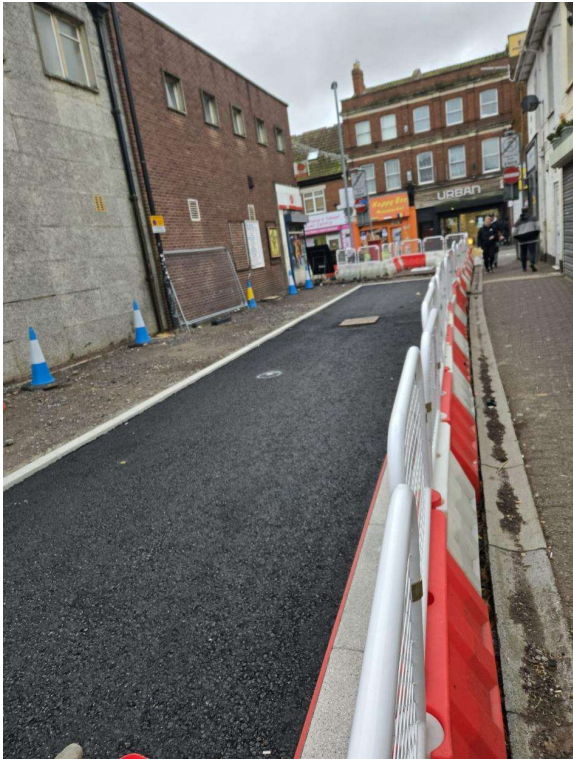
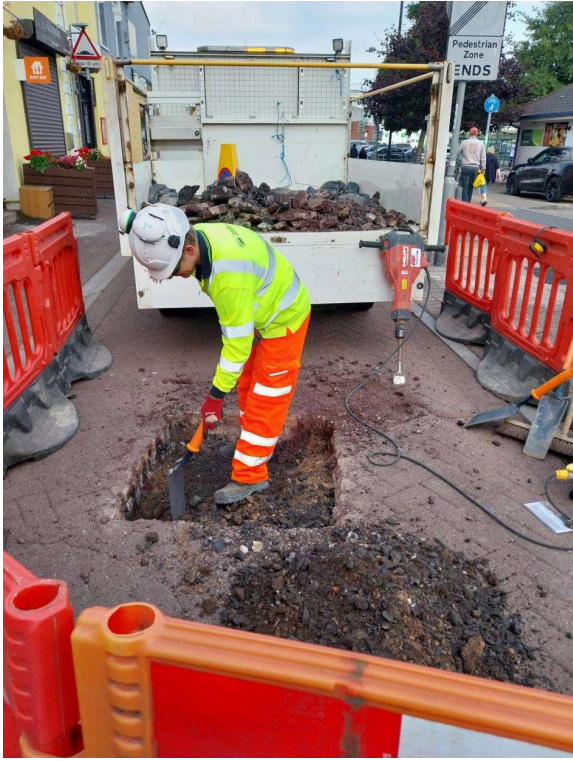
- Angel Crescent implemented no parking restrictions in the loading bay area at the back of the Angel Place shopping centre.
- Considerate Construct tours Scheme audit - score 41/45. The scheme shows our commitment to respecting the community, caring for the environment and valuing our workforce. Through CCS's independent monitoring and knowledge sharing, the scheme provides guidance and resources that can help us raise standards and build trust across the communities impacted by our construction activity.

#### November

- One way system from Church Street to East Quay implemented to allow our team to work in central Eastover, adjacent to the indoor shopping centre. Works here include improved drainage and new kerb lines, all whilst keeping traffic flowing in a one way setup.
- Taylor Woodrow supported the Council drop in event for local businesses and residents to give people the chance to find out more and ask questions from representatives from the Council and contractors from the Celebration Mile project.
- Eastern section of Eastover and Church Street re-opens to vehicular traffic in both directions in late November.









## Traffic restrictions - what to expect



### Live Traffic Restrictions

- One way traffic management in place for sections of Eastover including the indoor shopping centre to Salmon Parade. This is to allow our workforce to operate in a safe area whilst in the carriageway
- Clare Street parking restrictions in place.

### Coming up

- Full reopening of Eastover over the Christmas period between 23rd December to 2nd January 2025, with traffic restrictions removed.
- January 2nd 2025 - Eastover full road closure between Church Street and Salmon Parade for 6 months. Original programme was for 9 months, now reduced to 6 months to minimise disruption.
- January 2025 (exact dates to be confirmed) - Clare Street road closure.
- New Road to re-open in early 2025.



## Community Benefit

- Chilton Trinity School - Taylor Woodrow colleagues attended to support students at the schools career fair.
- Bridgwater Carnival - Taylor Woodrow and GAP sponsored a money cart for the Bridgwater Carnival 2024 to support the event. we worked closely with Carnival organisers and local authorities to ensure the carnival could proceed as normal around our works and we reduced our works area over the carnival weekend accommodate to pedestrians and minimise disruption. Taylor Woodrow also got a behind the scenes visit with the chairman to see the carts in the workshop and the local volunteers that work all year round.
- Bridgwater Foodbank - Taylor Woodrow helped to gather and donate presents to the local foodbank with support from local suppliers. Colleagues from Taylor Woodrow volunteered to help at the foodbank handing out gifts and food parcels.
- Whitstone School - Taylor Woodrow colleagues attended a secondary school career fair, speaking to 586 students ranging from year 7 to year 11 about the civil engineering industry.







## Contact us

If you have any queries throughout the lifecycle of the project the site team and our Community Engagement Officer can be contacted through the below email address and will be working with impacted stakeholders for the duration.

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