

# Folkestone – A Brighter Future

Newsletter Issue 7



Students from Folkestone Academy, Jackson team members and Folkestone's local MP Tony Vaughan.

## To members of the public,

We would like to start by thanking you all for your cooperation and understanding so far throughout the Folkestone - A Brighter Future Scheme. Works have progressed significantly the past month; as you may be aware the previous bus station is now closed, and we have begun to store materials needed for our works. We have now switched traffic management at Middelburg Square South and have erected safety fencing, diverting traffic through the redundant bus station. This will continue for two weeks while we carry out carriage way works.

## Radnor Park roundabout update

Over the past month we have successfully carried out footway surfacing and installed tactile paving to the islands at Radnor Park roundabout, bollards for a toucan crossing have also been installed in this area. We successfully completed the junction improvements at Broadmead Road, which involved the closure of this junction for five consecutive working days. We have laid tarmac to the face of kerbs and have installed topsoil to all planted areas.

We have erected traffic management and have provided a diversion for upcoming overnight works at Radnor Park roundabout. From the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November until the 7<sup>th</sup> of November the roundabout will be closed in the evenings from 20:00PM until 05:00AM. During these works we will be surfacing the area for a total of three nights, the remaining two nights will be used for white lining. Works at the roundabout will be complete by mid-November.

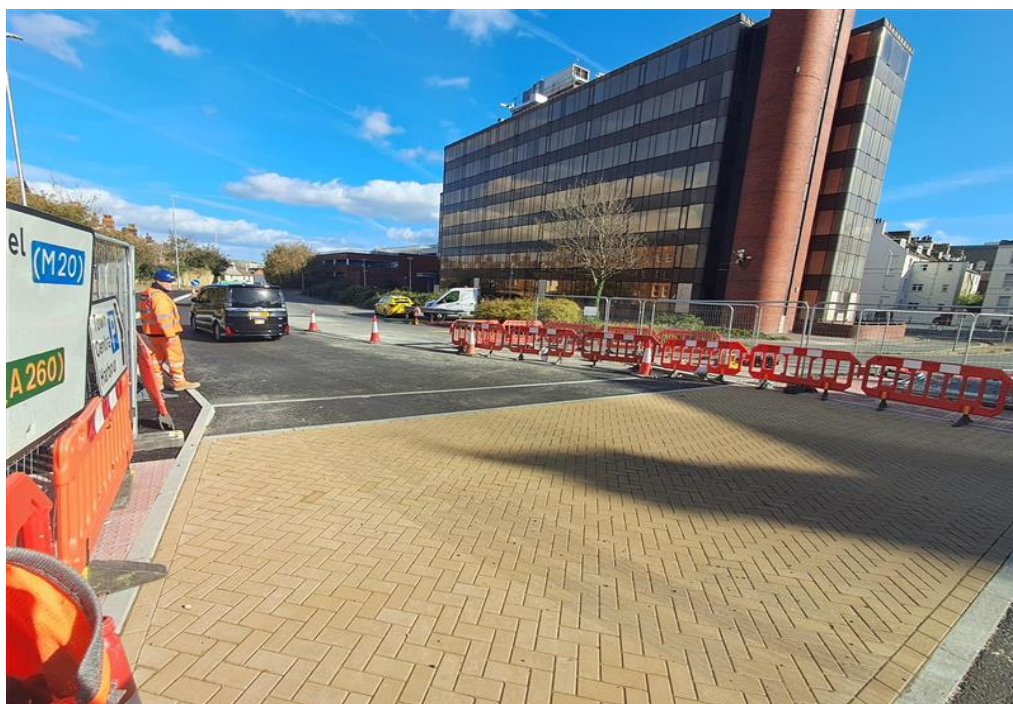


Improved junction works at Radnor Park roundabout.

## Middelburg Square update

At Middelburg Square East we have successfully switched traffic management and have erected safety fencing, broke out and excavated existing tarmac to carry out drainage works. Vacuum excavation took place near live services and asphalt was reinstated to the road. We have begun to install new kerbs adjacent to Alford Bros Motor Bike Shop and over the next upcoming weeks we will begin installing block paving. Unfortunately, there have been some setbacks caused due to buried services (water mains, power lines etc) clashing which has caused drainage issues. We aim to have these works completed by mid-November.

We have recently begun breaking out redundant kerbs and footways at the entrance/exit of the NCP (Asda) carpark which were carried out overnight to cause as minimal disruption to road users as possible. To complete these works, there will be further overnight works which will take place through November.



Raised tabletop crossing at Middelburg West.

## **Cheriton Road/Shorncliffe Road Junction update**

At Cheriton Road we have broken out redundant footways located along Cheriton Road, installed new edgings and resurfaced the area. Cheriton Road has been slightly narrowed but capacity has not been affected. The end junction of Coolinge Road has recently been closed with traffic diverted via Brockman Road/Guildhall Road North. Adjacent to the junction (Cheriton Road) approximately 10 parking spaces have been suspended opposite the work area, the suspended spaces will gradually migrate further along the road while the works progress. The junction improvement works at Coolinge Road are now complete and the road is now accessible for road users and pedestrians. The rain garden works will be complete by April 2026.

Along Shorncliffe Road Junction we have begun narrowing lanes, switched traffic management and have erected safety fencing. Over the upcoming weeks, we will break out redundant kerbs, footways, and railings. Once this is complete, in the early weeks of November we will install new kerbs and edgings, install new Belisha Beacons/ signs, and will the resurface the footways. Around mid-November we will then commence the installation of rain gardens; we will be working in multiple traffic management phases in this area until March 2026.

## **Community works**

Over the past month Jackson Civil Engineering have had the pleasure of attending a business breakfast meeting at The Beacon, they got to meet several students that made all guests feel very welcome and got to hear all exciting opportunities the school has the offer.

A team from Jackson, working on the Folkestone – A Brighter Future scheme, recently visited Folkestone Academy's new skate park to donate skateboards to the school's skateboarding club. The skateboards were assembled and designed by engineers at Jackson Civil Engineering during a recent team-building exercise in collaboration with O3E to celebrate Engineers Day. A total of 16 skateboards designed by the engineers were distributed across the company's four regions.

Folkestone Academy's skate park is one of several initiatives designed to promote sporting activities within the Turner Schools Trust, and was nominated by O3E to receive the four skateboards for the Southern region, in recognition of its status as the first skate park within a school premises and the commitment of the management team to providing outdoor sporting facilities that encourage young children's participation in sports locally.



For more information on the roads scheme, please visit Kent County Council's website.

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