

Folkestone – A Brighter Future

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Aerial view of Middelburg Square.

To members of the public,

The Folkestone – A Brighter Future project is progressing well and is now more than 90% complete. Most of the civils works are now finished with only a few outstanding elements. Landscaping will continue through the planting season which runs until March 2027.

Station Approach / Cheriton Road Junction

Things are starting to come together at Cheriton Road Junction with redundant islands removed and a new pedestrian crossing built and installed.

We have recently carried out a series of overnight works, during which pavements and roads have been resurfaced and road markings installed. These works were carried out during the evenings to minimise disruption. During October traffic signals will be commissioned, and traffic management will be removed.

Final lining works are underway and will be completed subject to suitable weather conditions. Cheriton Road Junction will now be opened by Friday 16th October.



Newly constructed crossing – Station Approach

Cheriton Road

A series of overnight works have been carried out along the stretch of Cheriton Road between Shornccliffe Road to Middelburg Square. These works started on Monday the 12th October and will be complete by Thursday 15th October.

During this time the road has been resurfaced and on the final evening, high friction surfacing and road markings will be installed. In order to safely carry out these works Cheriton Road has been temporarily closed between the hours of 10pm and 5:30am. Parking has temporarily been suspended whilst these works have been carried out, and residents have been provided parking along Cheriton Gardens. A signed and accessible vehicle diversion has also been in place during this time.

Middelburg Square

Last month Middelburg Square North and West were resurfaced, and high friction surfacing was installed during a series of overnight works. This month, traffic signals will be commissioned, and road markings will be installed along Middelburg Square East.

These works are due to start at the end of the month. F1 and F2 bus stops will need to be closed during this period. Full details of the closure and amended schedule can be found nearer the time on the [Folkestone service updates page](#) of the Stagecoach website or on the Folkestone – A Brighter Future updates news item on the council homepage folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Unless we encounter any unforeseen issues, the works below are the final planned for the Middelburg Square area. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and appreciate your co-operation and understanding during this period.

All works will be between the hours of 10pm and 5:30am. A signed and accessible vehicle diversion will be in place. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.

DATE	WORKS TAKING PLACE
Tuesday 20 October for one night	Road markings will be applied to Bouverie Road, Bouverie Road West and Cheriton Gardens .
Monday 26 October and Tuesday 27 October	Middelburg South will be resurfaced and due to these works bus stops F1 and F2 will temporarily relocate to F6 for exactly two days. F1 and F2 will be back at their usual location on Wednesday 28 th October.
Monday 26, 27 and 30 October	During the evening of the 26 th , 27 th and 30 th October Middelburg South will be closed. Road markings will be applied on Middelburg South . High friction surfacing will be applied on Friday 30 October . Access to Cheriton Gardens, Middelburg North and Foresters Way will be maintained during this time.
Tuesday 3 rd November	The remaining road markings will be applied along Middelburg East and North . Due to the location of the works only access to Cheriton Gardens will be maintained during this time.

Guildhall Street / Shellons Street

This month areas that were excavated for connection works will now have cobbles reinstated. Once this is complete, we will begin to install benches and cycle hoops along Guildhall Street. Landscaping works have now started along Foresters Way. In this area redundant railings have been removed, the existing verge has been broken out, and new footways are being constructed.

New footbridge

The new footbridge will provide a crucial link between Guildhall Street and East Folkestone bringing more footfall along Guildhall Street.

The footbridge has been successfully designed offsite to specific requirements. Unfortunately, concrete delivered to site did not comply with strict design requirements after its curing period. This batch of concrete was removed and another rigorously tested before reinstallation. We are awaiting the results of this testing before moving forward. It is hoped that the footbridge will be installed in the coming weeks, subject to suitable weather condition

Bouverie Square public realm area

The new Bouverie Square Park has had almost all new paving laid. The landscaped areas have been de-weeded, and soil prepped in preparation for the next planting season. It's important that the plants are planted at the best time to maximise their chances of bedding in successfully. Throughout October turf will be laid, and plants will be installed by the new year.

Community works

Over the last past month, Jacksons have been liaising with residents, discussing works and addressing any concerns/queries. We have also been reaching out to local schools and community groups. Jacksons have recently been liaising with The Sunflower House, which is a local community group, connecting people who are going through a tough time. Further information regarding this will be in the next newsletter.



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

For more information about Folkestone – A Brighter Future please visit Folkestone & Hythe District Council's website www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/FABF

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