



Latest news from the Northgate project team

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Further Market traders set to open

With less than five months until the new market is expected to open, we can announce the second tranche of traders.

Eleven further stalls are now contracted or are under offer to trade, with five taken by existing Chester Market traders, and one by a business relocating from the Forum. The line-up includes: a florist, bakery, vintage clothing, hand-crafted cosmetics, handmade stationery, grocery and a zero-waste refill store alongside three food and beverage traders serving fresh pasta, vegan and Mexican foods.

All remaining stalls in the market are under offer and leases are expected to be concluded for all 39 stalls in the new market before it opens in late autumn.

Councillor Richard Beacham, Cabinet Member for Inclusive Growth, Economy and Regeneration, said: "This is a really exciting time for the new market, and I am especially pleased that we have confirmed new grocery traders and a bakery, which delivers on our vision to create a 'modern traditional market' for Chester. I am equally delighted to welcome traders committed to a sustainable future, like the much-loved Just Footprints store which will move from the Forum and into the new market. There is also vintage clothing, vegan food and a planet-friendly stationery trader too. It's also really important to remember that while the new market is completed, the current market is still open, and the remaining traders are still open for business and need our support." [See more](#)

Picturehouse fit-out underway

Works starts on the internals

Contractors are now onsite fitting out the 780 seat, 6 screen cinema. Details of the Picturehouse membership scheme and job vacancies will be announced shortly.

The Chester cinema will be their 27th in the UK, see more at www.picturehouses.com/



Cosy Club opens

Our first tenant is now trading!

Welcome to Cosy Club now trading from the Coachworks Arcade frontage on Northgate Street. From vacant former library to restaurant and bar - the transformation is complete.

www.cosyclub.co.uk/location/chester/



Three time capsules buried in Exchange Square

Students from Chester Blue Coat CE Primary School, Queen's Park High School and The Queen's School have each buried a time capsule in the new Exchange Square in the heart of the Northgate development.

The capsules contain a wide selection of artefacts that the students selected to provide future generations with an insight into life in Chester in 2022. These include information on each school, timetables and their uniforms; their favourite things such as hobbies, sweets, fashion, sports, music and TV; coins and Jubilee commemorative items; technology such as mobile phones and contact lenses; alongside a Covid 19 facemask and information about the pandemic and how it impacted their lives.

Students from each school visited the site, some virtually, in 2021 and learnt about the scope and scale of the Northgate development, the Roman history of the site plus archaeology and construction techniques and careers.

The time capsules were sponsored by VINCI Building as part of their Northgate community engagement activities and the chamber will be marked with a commemorative stone plaque. Jonathan Roberts, Senior Project Manager from VINCI Building said: "We are delighted to help facilitate these time capsules and encourage students to learn more about the wide range of career opportunities within the construction industry and how we are building Northgate."

A great deal of care and thought has gone into protecting the archaeology on the Northgate site, which was once one of the largest Roman fortresses in Britain. Despite finding over 10,000 Roman artefacts, the works have disturbed less than three percent of the archaeology and the foundations have been carefully designed to let the building 'float' above the ground.