

# WHAT'S NEW ON New Street?



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## PROJECT UPDATES

We are pleased to say that we have reached our first key milestone. The first section of paving is complete.

The footpath outside the old Boots Opticians/Prudential Building and the Dale Bakery/Post Office has now reopened.

## VERTICAL PLANTERS

Foundations for the planters will be dug out starting 27 February. The work will be near Oxfam and Charlotte Jayne, in the middle of the street.

This will take about two weeks, please bear with us.

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You can't make  
an omelette  
without  
breaking some  
eggs  
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The planters have been designed to reflect the landscape and industry of Huddersfield. They will bring vibrant greenery to the street without taking up vital floor space needed for access.



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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## Why does the street look so messy?

We are making a lot of changes that mean we need to dig up the surface of the street. This is for the new lighting and diverting the existing services. To make sure our new, high spec materials are not damaged, we have been using temporary surfaces. This is not the finished product and we think the end result will be worth it.

## Why does it take so long to dig a trench?

The street is built up in layers to give it strength. The main structural layer is a reinforced concrete slab - tough to break through. That is what has taken the time and created much of the noise on site!



## Why is the street being dug up again?

Work as extensive as this means that different contractors are needed to do different bits of work. Once all of the preparation work has been done, we will move in and lay the finished paving. It's going to look great.



## Why does it take so long to lay paving?

General paving works are different to what is being installed on New Street, the pavement has been designed and is to be installed to a British Standard. This is a scientifically backed standard which ensures quality, durability and longevity in the construction and its materials.

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Paving the way to  
the future of  
Huddersfield  
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## There are six parts to this process once excavation and clearance has been carried out:

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Clean the existing sub-base material, in this example of the footway area.

2

Prep and seal the existing tarmac base, following this the bedding material is laid out, this is what the block will be laid on. Below is an example of the bedding material with previously laid blocks.



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Once the bedding is laid the block is marked up, ready to be cut to the correct shape.

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When the bedding is laid and the alignment of the block is set, the block is sealed on its underside as below. This is called a 'primer' and essentially creates a seal between the bedding below and the paving block that is being installed.

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When the block is covered with the primer, it is then positioned by hand. The block can then be tapped down to the correct level, causing compaction of the bedding material under the block and allowing the primer to seal to the bedding material.



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The final stage is grouting as shown below. Grout material is poured onto the block, this is to fill the joints/voids between the blocks and creates one bound rigid construction. When the grout is set in the joints the operatives move the material from the block surface using 'squeegees' and water spraying tanks to remove the excess material from the paving area.





**Finally...**

**When the process is finished the paving in this area is completed ready for pedestrians to use.**



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