

CLAY CROSS town centre

Bringing together business & community

Summer 2024

WELCOME to this summer issue of the Clay Cross Town Centre Group News.

Spring is now in full swing with lighter evenings, warmer weather and the natural renewal of the green spaces we have in the town and its nearby parks.

With the arrival of June we can look forward to the summer season and exploring the outdoors, particularly the town of Clay Cross.

As we know, the town is expanding in many ways and has a variety of independent shops and businesses supplying everyday needs, so it is well worth taking the time to have a walk around the High Street, Market Street and Broadleys areas to give yourself the opportunity to fully take in the businesses which already exist and what they have to offer.

Since the last Newsletter, the Clay Cross Town Centre Regeneration scheme has continued to make exciting progress towards its delivery stage with the appointment of Inside Limited as the preferred contractor for the project. The task of securing the site is now being dealt with ahead of works starting once the planning pre-commencement conditions have been discharged.

The regeneration includes bringing to life the new town square (to be named Baileys Square) together with the creation of a refurbished heritage building, and flexible business units overlooking a multi-function open space.

A planning application has also been approved to modify the existing nearby public car park, currently accessed from Market Street, to provide a new access from High Street creating a more visible parking access for those approaching from the southern direction, helping to raise awareness to through traffic of the considerable expanse of town that lies to the east of the main A61 road.

This work will be complementary to the pedestrianisation of upper Market Street and the town centre regeneration scheme, helping to link Clay Cross together from all directions and enhance its perception as an active and vibrant settlement, serving its residents and those in the surrounding area

In other regeneration news, construction of the new Clay Cross Active leisure centre and community hub at Sharley Park continues to make good progress and the latest news can be found in the May update at the following link

<https://claycrossactive.co.uk/2024/05/15/may-update/> . In addition, the Low Carbon Challenge Fund which includes the promotion of green energy production has had an encouraging uptake, all helping towards a low carbon economy in the area - see following link for more details <https://www.claycrosstowndeal.com/news/professional-energy-purchasing-appointed-to-help-north-east-derbyshire-district-council-s-move-towards-a-low-carbon-economy> .



Overall, the current regeneration project will create new opportunities for the existing town centre areas of Market Street and High Street with a greater focus on a pedestrian-friendly environment and connectivity, especially from the west side of High Street, to the broader part of the town in the east.

By creating a new heart to the town close to the many small independent traders, this will encourage footfall and interest from both residents and visitors and help enhance our town's identity.

Coupled with good road links from the surrounding districts, and the benefit of a number of bus routes converging on the nearby bus station, Clay Cross is well placed to take advantage of this exciting development of a reinvigorated town centre.

The town already has a variety of independent retailers who provide a more bespoke shopping experience, from locally-produced ice cream by Smiths Creamland Ices on High Street to Clay Cross DIY on Market Street who supply an extensive range of DIY and everyday household products, and to Poppy's cafe on Broadleys.

Other traders include on the High Street, bar and eatery The George at Clay Lane/High Street crossroads, florists Bluebells and Balloons, Music Memorabilia Beck's Rock Box, Clay Cross Post Office, T Nutt & Sons flooring centre, and on Market Street Taylor's Corn Stores for flour, pet and gardening products, G & J Hairstylists, Bradley Morrell Solicitors, Estate Agents Pinewood Properties, The Body Health Centre for sports massage and chiropractic services, unique gifts shop Hygge Emporium, and pub diner the Three Horseshoes. Also on Broadleys there is The Hub at Gladstone with tea rooms and meeting room facilities. On Eyre Street, there is established law firm Cleaver Thompson Solicitors.

Enjoy the summer!

Andrew King - Treasurer,
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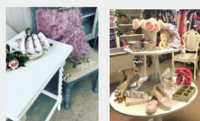
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