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## Introduction

Eric Wright Civil Engineering has been appointed by Fylde Borough Council as the principal contractor for the Kirkham Futures Public Realm Scheme which will run from January 2023 until January 2024. This ambitious project, which forms part of the overall £11m Kirkham Futures Programme, seeks to undertake enhancements to Kirkham's public realm providing an exciting opportunity to re-energise Kirkham's historic high street by celebrating its existing character and qualities and creating a more vibrant place where people choose to visit, live, work and invest.

The works are located primarily along Poulton Street and the Market Square including works to Birley Street, Church Street, Freckleton Street and Preston Street.

The Town Centre environment is presently traffic dominated in parts, particularly around Market Square, with severe traffic movement around the present Poulton Street, Preston Street, Freckleton Street and Church Street mini-roundabout.

The project will create a much-improved Market Square which will be permanently closed to parked vehicles and that will allow greater use for markets and events as well as the narrowing of roads and widening of pavements to increase pedestrian space and creation of outdoor seating/dining areas.

Alterations to on-street parking will be made alongside extra planting of trees and shrubs to create attractive tree-lined areas. It is hoped that through rationalising of 'street clutter' and by raising awareness to the existing heritage assets, the town's historic character can be restored, while at the same time creating new opportunities for people to feel pride and connection to their town.

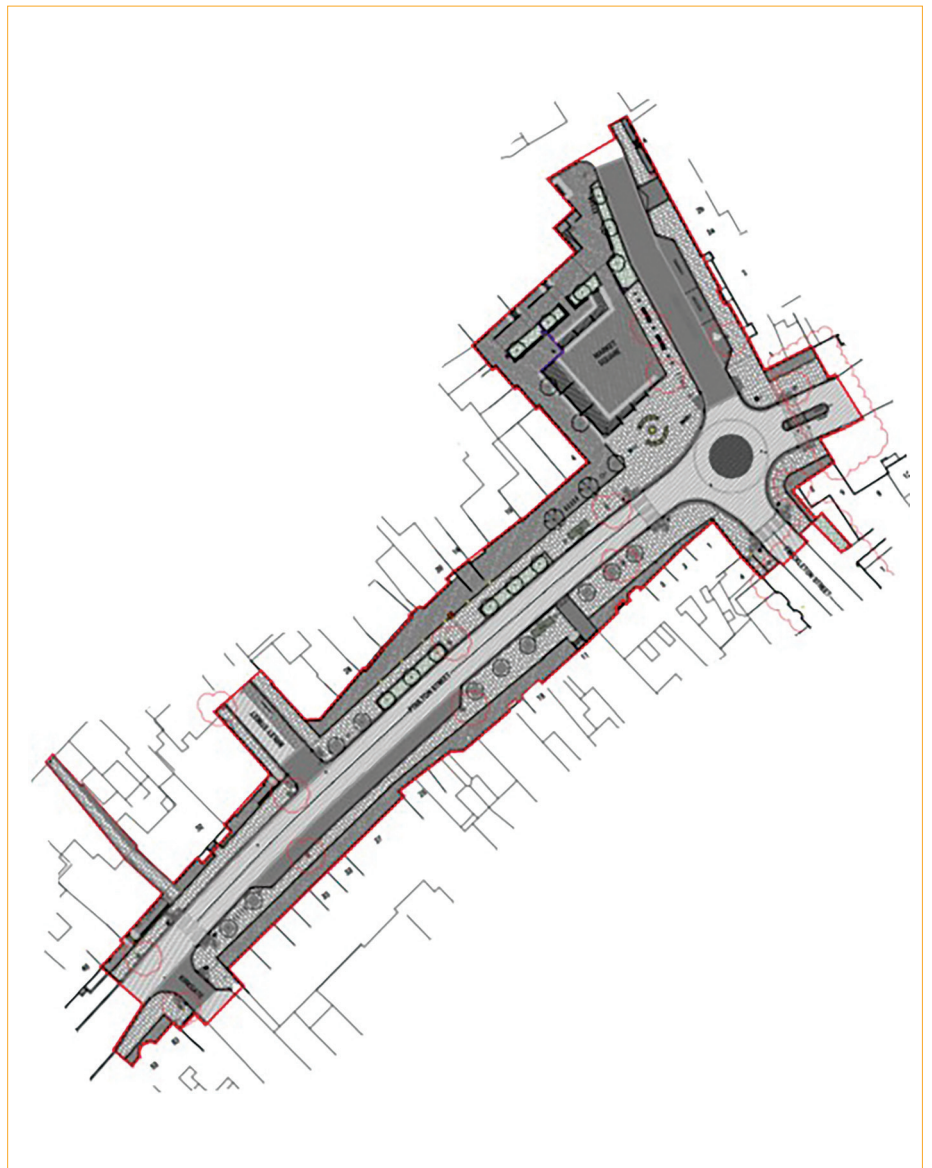


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### Details of the Scheme

The project will entail the full refurbishment of the hard and soft landscape along various streets and Market Square to provide an enhanced facility which will include but not be limited to the following elements as part of the works:

- **New natural stone paving and kerbs**
- **New street lighting**
- **New feature lighting**
- **Resurfacing of the street carriageway**
- **Remodelling of the Market Square**
- **Reconfiguration of CCTV**
- **Installation of Wi-Fi systems**
- **New street furniture**
- **Landscaping**
- **Drainage works**
- **Upgrade of pedestrian and signal controls**
- **Five-year maintenance obligations**



These newsletters will be produced to inform all residents and businesses of the nature of the works, those completed to date and upcoming. We would like to take this opportunity to thank residents, businesses and customers impacted by these works so far. We aim to minimise inconvenience during the course of the construction programme and will continue to engage with the community throughout the project. We are always keen to hear your feedback and also to discuss any issues which may concern you. Our contact details and those of the Kirkham Futures Team at Fylde Council are included at the end of this newsletter.



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### Works completed to-date:

Following the initial site setup, clearance works were undertaken in the Market Square. This involved the lifting of the existing stone sets and breaking out of the concrete below. The sets have been cleaned and delivered to Lancashire County Council's depot for re-use across Lancashire.

To facilitate the ongoing public realm works within Market Square, the historic fishstones and lamppost have been carefully removed and stored securely away from site. At a later stage of the project, these treasured landmarks are to be returned to Market Square and relocated slightly, approximately 1.5 metres in a south-westerly direction from their previous position. The current proposals include this relocation, the resetting of the fishstones to their original height, and the provision of lighting beneath the stones. The appearance of the lamppost will be retained, other than a repair to one of the legs and a dark green colouration.



For further information on the proposed changes to Market Square, Fishstones and lantern please visit

<https://www.kirkhamfutures.org/plans/public-realm-streetscape-interventions>



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Part of the early works on Poulton street involved the excavation of a service trench to install new power and water services for access points in the new pavements. Multi way traffic signals were setup for these works, for safety measures, which have now been removed



We have recently installed two tanks in Market Square. One of these is an attenuation tank, which will hold back surface water drainage from the square, restricting the flow rate into the existing highway drainage system.

The second is a mains fed storage tank which will provide water supplies to access points in both Market Square and Poulton Street.

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### Upcoming works this month

Works will continue within the Market Square, including the installation of new service ducting, drainage and retaining walls.

Works to the pavements will commence on the north side of Poulton Street starting from Hays Travel Agents and working upwards towards the Old Bank.

### Other Important Information

Fylde Council are aware that the permanent closure of the Market Square to vehicles and the temporary closure of Eagles Court Car Park is causing issues for residents in the immediate vicinity, particularly on Church Street. Fylde Council is working with Lancashire County Council who are the highways authority to look at any potential solutions to the issues being highlighted.

On behalf of residents living in close proximity to Market Square we have been asked to politely request that any visitors to the town, business owners or employees of town centre businesses do not park for prolonged periods of time in front of residential properties particularly where restrictions are not already in place to prevent this.

Alternative town centre, free car parking is available at Mill Street Car Park which provides two tiers of car parking above Morrison's and adjacent to the Main Street providing 134 free parking spaces and 6 disabled spaces.

Short stay parking is also provided at Orders Lane Car Park near Town End providing 3 hours of free car parking.

Throughout the duration of the works being carried out at Market Square and Poulton Street there will be a series of temporary bus stop closures in the town centre to enable the works to be carried out safely in pedestrian areas. Due to there being no safe location to site any temporary bus stops, passengers are advised to please use bus stops before or after. Passengers are also advised to check the local bus company websites for further updates.

**During the construction period and in line with the planning permission granted for the scheme, the agreed hours of work will be as follows:**

**Monday - Friday**

**8:00am – 18:00pm**

**Saturday 9:00am – 13:00pm  
when deemed necessary**

The Public Realm works will involve unavoidable disruption to businesses and residents for the duration of the planned works mainly in the form of improvements to the pedestrian footpaths and highways, however pedestrian access will be maintained at all times via a diversion of the existing pathway around the construction works. You will be notified in advance of any overnight road closures, which will be kept to an absolute minimum, via local signage in advance of work taking place.

During the ongoing works in the Town Centre users of the town centre, including patients of the doctor's surgery on Church Street, are advised to allow additional time for their journeys and for locating a parking space in the town centre.

Commercial premises/businesses are advised that deliveries may be affected by the ongoing works and early notification to delivery drivers of the proposed works is advised.



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### Contacts

Our temporary site offices are located at the Eagles Court car park to the rear of the Market Square shops.

Project Manager, Dave Bagley, is available by prior appointment and can be contacted via the following email address [daveb@ericwright.co.uk](mailto:daveb@ericwright.co.uk).

Ian Rogers is the site Foreman and available on site every day  
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The site contact number for general enquiries is 07971 361836.

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### Find out more:

Answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about the ongoing works are now available on the Kirkham Futures website at:

<https://www.kirkhamfutures.org/plans/public-realm-streetscape-interventions>

You can also keep up to date with all the latest news on the Kirkham Public Realm Scheme and wider Kirkham Futures programme including further information on the fishstones, and contractors public realm phasing plans in the following ways:

By visiting **[www.fylde.gov.uk](http://www.fylde.gov.uk)** and signing up to the free weekly online Fylde Council newsletter

By visiting **<http://www.kirkhamfutures.org>**

By signing up to Fylde Council's facebook page and following Fylde Council on twitter.

By emailing the Kirkham Futures Team at **[kirkhamfutures@fylde.gov.uk](mailto:kirkhamfutures@fylde.gov.uk)** or contacting them on **01253 658658**

**The Regeneration & Economic Development Team at Fylde Council also invites you along to Kirkham Community Centre to talk to us about the ongoing Kirkham Futures Programme and to discuss your business needs/aspirations.**

**Members of the team will be available on the following dates:**

**Thursday 30th March      10.00am – 12pm**

**Thursday 6th April      10.00am – 12pm**

**Thursday 13th April      9.30am – 12pm**

**Thursday 27th April      9.30am – 12pm**