



Latest news from the Northgate project team

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Picturehouse confirm Northgate opening

The highly anticipated opening of the Picturehouse cinema has taken a major step towards completion. Contractors have resumed the fit-out of the six-screen cinema and Picturehouse are anticipating opening for business in late autumn.

Clare Binns, Managing Director of Picturehouse Cinemas said: "Picturehouse is so delighted to become part of the Chester community this autumn. We can't wait to bring the Picturehouse experience, and a host of great films from around the world, to Chester."

As part of the run-up to the opening, Picturehouse will be sponsoring three months of free film showings in the new Chester Market every Tuesday at 7pm. See the full film [programme](#).



Bridge Street Coffee to open at Northgate

Chester-based independent Bridge St Coffee will soon be opening its second outlet in the Coachworks Arcade.

The 2,000 sqft. corner unit is set to open in the autumn and will take its signature calming Scandi-Nordic interior vibe with a range of speciality coffees, bakery, Belgium chocolates, breakfast and brunch dishes all combined in a brand-new concept.



Award win

Northgate has won its first award.

The Northwest Regional Construction Awards recently judged Northgate as the Project of the Year for the Cheshire, Wirral and Warrington sub-region.

The judges commented that: "This was an excellent submission with strong supporting evidence from all of the project stakeholders. The project faced multiple challenges of operating on a sensitive historic site. There was strong evidence of collaboration - with success achieved through partnership and innovation."



Market Update



Traders in the new market have come together to offer customers a range of discounts to choose from every Tuesday.

Recognising the challenging cost of living increases, the offers cover both goods, produce and food stalls to give customers a wide choice of options to save money at the market every week. [See more](#)

Strutt & Parker relocate to Coachworks Arcade

Estate agent and property consultants Strutt & Parker (part of the BNP Paribas Real Estate Group) has relocated its Chester office to Coachworks Arcade, as the second office tenant within the scheme.

The new first-floor 2,000 sq. ft. office space within Coachworks Arcade overlooks Exchange Square and Strutt & Parker join Sovereign Wealth Management who moved into the scheme in late 2022. Two office suites remain available to rent within the building. For more details contact [Legat Owen](#).

Future Phases Update

Consultations into the future uses of Northgate have been ongoing as part of a wider review of the One City Plan.

Alongside this, the impacts of the Covid pandemic have had far reaching implications for the future provision of retail, office space and town centres, these will all form part of the forthcoming masterplan considerations.

The project team are currently conducting an options appraisal for the future phases. These are likely to centre around a mixed-use residential scheme involving the conversion of some existing buildings and the removal of others. To progress this, they are planning to commission a Development Framework to clarify the optimum uses.

We anticipate this will be undertaken in the next 6-12 months and would involve stakeholder and public consultation on the plans. Once completed it is likely we will seek to identify potential partnerships with investors and developers to progress the next stages.



Chester Contemporary

Look out for the How to Work Better artwork coming soon on the side of the Forum overlooking Exchange Square.

By Peter Fischli and David Weiss, being shown at full scale in the UK for the first time.

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