

Chester-le-Street flood prevention update video transcript

[Paul Wilkinson, Construction Programme & Project Manager on screen with a building site in the background.]

We are here on site at Chester-le-Street market place where works have been progressing for the last few months, as part of a £6.2 flood prevention scheme.

[Time lapse footage showing construction works at Chester-le-Street market place.]

Recently completed works include improvements to the north end of Front Street, new seating and also planting to the area, this is going to provide a community space. The market will move forward to a much more prominent location adjacent to Front Street.

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I am pleased to say that from the second of August we have secured two new operators.

[Photograph of Councillor Brian Stephens and new market operators.]

Who will commence the market every Friday and Saturday 9am till 4pm.

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And the stalls, you'll see a mixture there of local produce and hand crafted goods.

[Time lapse footage showing Chester-le-Street market place]

Moving the market forward has enabled us to start work on phase two, which will see the lid of the culvert come off.

[Photograph of the open culvert at Chester-le-Street market place]

Historically the river has ran beneath the market area.

[Artists impression of how the area will look once the works are complete.]

That area is going to be exposed to give a much more improved public realm space.

[Paul Wilkinson, Construction Programme & Project Manager on screen with a building site in the background.]

Further afield, works have started at Cone Terrace, where we are re-locating a sewer pipe.

[Photograph of a sign showing 'this path will be closed 29th July for drainage works' on a footpath with cones and houses in the background]

This will increase the capacity of the culvert behind me; which will enable more flood water to be carried down to the River Wear.

[Footage of the opening of the culvert showing the pipe in the background and water running beneath]

[Footage of the viaduct at Chester-le-Street with cars running beneath]

[Footage of construction works with houses, the viaduct and cars in the background]

We've also started work to the west of the viaduct where we are improving flood defences which will benefit local residents and local businesses, to help prevent flooding.

[Paul Wilkinson, Construction Programme & Project Manager on screen with a building site in the background]

I am pleased to say that the works are on schedule and are due to be completed in Spring 2020 and I'd just like to thank the local residents and businesses for their continued support during this period and their patience.

[Text on screen: www.durham.gov.uk/chesterburn find out more]