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Coronavirus (COVID 19)

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Spaces for People – city centre works starting today



Spaces for People



Work starts today to install temporary travel infrastructure on key streets around George Square, as part of the council's **Spaces for People** programme which is providing extra space for physical distancing to protect public health and suppress a resurgence of COVID-19.

These short-term measures which will include closing some roads to traffic, and the widening of footways; will make it easier for people to move around our city centre and more readily access shops, businesses, community facilities and public transport hubs including Queen Street Station.

Works should last for approximately 10 weeks. Please note that no work will be carried out on Saturday 27 June and Sunday 28 June 2020.

The following roads will be closed to all traffic, except cycles:

- George Square (East)
- George Square (West)

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- Hanover Street (local access via Ingram St)
- North Hanover Street (northbound bus gate) - this is to assist with pedestrian movement around Queen Street Station. The southbound lane will remain open.

The following footways will be widened in the area immediate to George Square:

- George Square (the taxi rank and disabled parking bays remain on the north side)
- North Hanover Street (northbound)
- Queen Street
- Cochrane Street
- Hanover Street
- George Street
- St Vincent Place

On-street parking will be suspended in the affected areas, with extra space for people made available by repurposing the immediate road space usually occupied by parked vehicles.

There will be limited amendment to the existing bus stops and specific changes will be notified to Operators through SPT. Additional temporary taxi ranks and disabled bays have already been provided on adjacent streets.

For up to date detailed information regarding the above works visit [Spaces for People](#)



Feel good Friday – STAFF SHOUT OUTS!

Marina Benson wants a shout out for **Michelle Smith – Head Teacher at St. Mungo's Primary School** in Townhead.

"Michelle has been an absolute star and I feel her leadership has kept us all grounded. She has kept us informed throughout the whole pandemic and I have felt incredibly supported throughout this time of uncertainty. I have only been with St. Mungo's since November and I feel incredibly grateful to be a part of the team."

Billy Japp, Service Manager at Neighbourhoods and Sustainability (Transport) wants to thank **John Bonnar and Ian Downie** who volunteered to man the gatehouse at the Jessie Street workshop on the south side of the city.

"John and Ian have been a great support in helping to make sure that there is no unauthorised pedestrian or vehicle traffic on our premises during this challenging time – helping to keep staff safe."



Green fingered staff and service users



Debbie Nolan with some of the residents who have been working on and enjoying – the centre's garden

Staff and service users at the GCHSCP Chara Centre in Possilpark have been using the good weather during lockdown to maintain the centre's garden.

The social work centre provides emergency homeless accommodation for 27 females from all walks of life and cultures.

Debbie Nolan, Project Worker said: "Working in the garden – at a social distance - has been a great way to pass time during lockdown. Residents regularly use the garden herbs and vegetables for cooking meals in their rooms which are equipped with cookers and cooking utensils

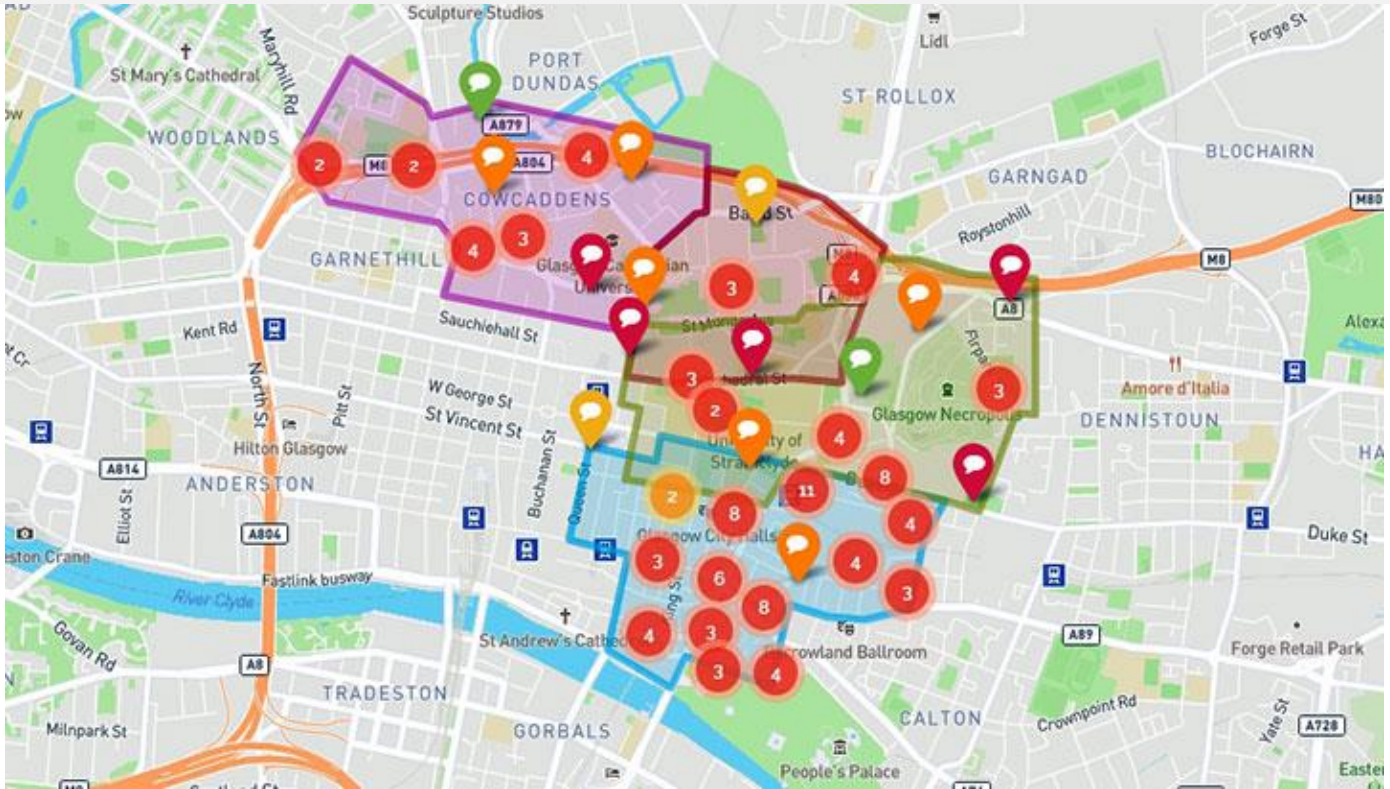
"Our residents have done a great job growing flowers and vegetables, weeding, decorating plant pots and picking up litter to keep the garden tidy and beautiful. We've also been able to enjoy watching baby finches using the bird boxes in the garden."

Debbie added: "Working in the garden has given our service users, and our staff, some structure as well as providing a lovely outdoor space to relax, unwind and take our minds off of the restrictions we're all facing just now."

Making the most of outdoor spaces



Help shape the future of our city centre districts



We want to hear your views about the future of four city centre districts - **Cowcaddens, Learning Quarter, Merchant City, and Townhead.**

The council appointed a team to help prepare ambitious regeneration action plans for these four districts. The team, working closely with City Centre Regeneration in DRS, have now launched a website and Freephone line to help engage with people in the coming months.

These distinctive city centre areas will each have a District Regeneration Framework (DRF) to guide their future development. A DRF is a 10-year regeneration planning framework and action plan, and each DRF will guide the city centre's physical, social and economic regeneration. The DRFs support both Glasgow's City Development Plan and the City Centre Strategy.

The team invites comments and ideas about how to improve these four districts in future and to share thoughts on how these districts feel now and ideas about how they could and should be improved.

The consultation team especially want to hear views on how it can be made easier to get around the city centre; how streets and open spaces can be improved; and on the mix of activities required to create a thriving, active city centre in the future.

Find out more, and have your say

- You can find out more, and make your contributions, [here](#)
- If you don't have online access, a Freephone number **0800 1583973** will go live in **July and August** and will be staffed by the project team on **specific dates**. This can be phoned at the following dates and times: **Thursday 2 July**, noon till 2pm and 5pm till 7pm; and **Saturday 4 July**, 10am till noon. Other dates will be made available in due course.
- You can find out more about our **City Centre Strategy** [here](#)



Share your story with us



We know you're all proud to play your part for the city – so we would love to hear from you about how you and your colleagues are supporting the city at this challenging time.

You could:

- Give a shout out to a colleague who is going above and beyond to deliver a service
- Tell us if you are volunteering to help deliver an essential service
- Share what your team is doing to keep services running for our citizens.

Email a couple of lines and a mobile phone picture, if you have one, to Insider@glasgow.gov.uk so that we can share your story with colleagues across the council family.

Thank you for making a difference.



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Anne Glass

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Well done everyone and thank you for continuing to provide essential services 👍👍👍



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