



Latest news from the Northgate project team

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## The Florist unveiled as latest Northgate letting

The Florist is the latest restaurant to take space in Northgate, building on the success of its existing sites in Liverpool, Bristol and Watford.

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The Florist is part of 'The New World Trading Company', an award-winning operator with a portfolio of 29 restaurants including The Botanist and The Oast House brands. The Florist will occupy 8,600 sq. ft. over two floors in the arcade fronting Northgate Street.

Tim McCormac, Property Director at The New World Trading Company, commented: "We have been watching the plans for the redevelopment of Chester Northgate for some time and we believe that this is the ideal opportunity for us to grow our business in such a vibrant and unique destination. The Northgate scheme with its distinctive historic and cultural heritage aligns perfectly with our wider brand vision making it the ideal next home for us. We can't wait to be a part of Chester's exciting future."



## New Market branding revealed

**The new market will open in summer 2022 with new branding incorporating a wild boar inspired by the site's Roman heritage.**

The new brand has been designed to be distinctive, memorable and exuberant; combined with a modern touch. The Northgate site is rich in Roman history, much of it built by the XX Legion, whose symbol was a wild boar. Their storerooms and barracks were beneath where the new market will be built so it is fitting that their legacy is honoured.

**See more at:**  
[www.newchester.market](http://www.newchester.market)



## Meet the Apprentices

**To date eleven Apprentices have been employed to work on the Chester Northgate development within the first six months of the scheme's construction.**

Two of VINCI's Apprentices have shared their career routes and experiences of working in construction:

Rachel Hughes, undertaking an Apprenticeship as a Design & Build Technician said: "Being a practical individual, finding an Apprenticeship in the construction industry was always my first choice, however, due to Covid-19 and the shortage of Apprenticeships available, university subsequently became my fall-back option. However as soon I saw the job advertised as a Design & Build Technician, I had no hesitation in applying. With this Apprenticeship I've had a fantastic opportunity to gain valuable onsite experience with the benefits of earning whilst I'm learning and becoming a valued member of the Northgate team."

Matthew Peterson is in his second year of completing a HND in Construction and the Built Environment, also looked at university but chose an Apprenticeship as an opportunity to get into the industry and further his education to degree level. Matthew said: "My Apprenticeship allows me to work in different sectors of the company to experience various fields of construction, meaning I can gain a wider knowledge of how the business works and ensure I choose a path to develop my career further. I also go to college on a block release basis. My current rotation is quantity surveying where I have been sending tenders out and analysing quotations, I am surrounded by many experienced colleagues and constantly benefitting from their support and expertise. Adjusting our working practices to minimize the risk of Covid-19 has also been an additional challenge."

More information about Apprentice opportunities with VINCI Construction UK can be found at:

<https://www.vinciconstruction.co.uk/work-with-us/achieve-your-potential/>

## Construction Update

**Here are some of the forthcoming expected milestones for the remainder of the year and into 2021:**

- Current works include installing foundations, basements and lift shafts
- Work has also now commenced to dig the new drainage tunnel along St. Martins Way now that the Clockwise plan for the inner ring road has come into force
- Hunter Street works continue to install the new road layout and multi-storey car park entrance
- The first steel superstructure work is expected to commence in January
- VINCI have provided their waste statistics for the past quarter, out of 19.3 tonnes of waste from the site, 3.5% went to landfill, 17.5% was recovered and used to generate energy and almost 79% was recycled
- The site will be closed over the Christmas holiday from 23 December to 04 January
- And finally, well done to the VINCI site team for rising to the Movember challenge and raising £2,340 for homeless charities in Chester - a fantastic achievement - well done chaps!



## Clockwise Update

If you are coming into Chester for the first time in a while, please take extra time and care if you are unfamiliar with new Clockwise route for the inner ring road while our drainage tunnel is built.

Use your smart phone's sat-nav (handsfree) to get the best journey time information and live updates on traffic in Chester even if you know the route – **see more at [www.clockwischester.com](http://www.clockwischester.com)**