



Cllr Richard Beacham, left with artist Graham Boyd

Latest news from the Northgate project team

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New Market Parking to feature murals celebrating 2,000 years of Chester's history

The two stair-cores for the new car park have been decorated with artwork designed by Chester mural artist Graham Boyd with help from other local artists.

The stairs cover each of the car park's seven floors and have been hand painted with unique murals depicting some famous and less well-known aspects of the city's culture and history.

The North stair-core titled 'City of Parades' features scenes from Chester's long history of annual parades and events including the annual Midsummer Watch parade with the Chester Giants, the Winter Watch, Diwali and Pride parades.

The South stair-core titled 'Steps Through Time' brings to life individual characters chosen to represent some of the people who have shaped Chester over two millennia; including Caecilius Avitus a Roman soldier from Spain buried in locally, Vikings, Hugh d'Avranches - the second Norman Earl of Chester from 1071, a Civil War battle and the Victorian architects Thomas Harrison and John Douglas who designed some of the city's most famous buildings. Plus lesser-known Miss Frances Wilbraham, a heroine in the Chester cholera epidemic of 1866 who lived in nearby Kings Street.

Information panels will provide further details with QR codes for links to additional information online as well as images of the murals for those unable to access the stairs.

[Watch a film about the murals](#)

A taste of things to come...

Italian restaurant chain Zizzi have now commenced the fit-out of their unit.

The unit will face Exchange Square, next to the new market entrance. We are delighted to welcome Zizzi back to Chester.

Since first opening their doors in Chiswick over 20 years ago they now have opened over 130 restaurants across the UK & Ireland, each individually designed and perfect for all occasions. www.zizzi.co.uk

