

Chester Northgate Update



Latest news from the Northgate project team

November 2023

New Market celebrates its first birthday with 2m visits

Since opening a year ago, the market has now welcomed over two million visitors and helped create or safeguard more than 150 jobs, whilst picking up many awards and commendations for both the market as a whole and for its traders.

Over the past year, 2,500 pairs of glasses have been dispensed by Pop Specs the market's opticians, 60,000 pizzas have been served by the Mercato Pizza Co. and Purely Pots have sold almost 20,000 plants. Meanwhile Geoff Hughes Family Butchers estimate that more than 1,000 sausages have been handmade in the market every week.

In October, the National Association of British Market Authorities presented its highest accolade to Chester in its annual market industry achievement awards.

Two new stalls have also recently opened, The Crystal Hut and Sheng Hai Oriental Supermarket. Explore the power of crystals and spiritual gifts at the Crystal Hut next to the Mercato Pizza Co.; and the city centre's first oriental supermarket offers a huge range of authentic Asian foods, you can't miss the Sheng Hai by the main entrance.

Please vote for the Market

The voting for Britain's Favourite Market is now open – please [vote now](#) before 15th December.

New Market Parking – opening hours change

The car park will now close at 01:30am each evening from 22 November.

Following analysis of usage since opening, rather than remaining open 24 hours, the car park will now close at 01:30am and reopen at 06:30am.



Picturehouse Cinema open

After much anticipation, Chester Picturehouse – a stunning new six-screen cinema at the heart of Northgate has now opened.

The new cinema offers state-of-the-art projection and sound in all screens, with a stunning interior design inspired by Wes Anderson's iconic film, *The Grand Budapest Hotel*.

[Cinema website](#)