

Our Changing Town Centre

September '26

Your monthly look at how our Town Centre Delivery Plan is taking shape



Power up!

What's that we can see rising up from behind the blue fence at Power Court? Looks like a football stadium is taking shape!

Excitement is building as works at Luton Town FC's new home become more visible this month.

Have your say on PSPO

Did you know Luton Town Centre is covered by a PSPO (Public Spaces Protection Order)? This is a power that helps the local authority and partners tackle certain types of antisocial behaviour.

A public consultation is currently open as part of a review of the PSPO. Have your say via the QR code or **tinyurl.com/yhkujheh** before 14 October.

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Heroes, cosplay and lots of fun!



Luton Comic Con took over the town centre across the September 26/27 weekend.

This free annual community event brought a host of superhero-powered action to town, with everything from merch to gaming and cosplay meet and greets.

The two-day programme, which had Heroes for Artists as its theme for this year, also featured live music from Luton's own Missing The Ferry and Olivia Lynn. Find out more about the event online at **www.lutoncomiccon.com**

Delving back through time

A series of events took place in the town centre for this year's National Heritage Open Days.

St Mary's Church showcased 900 years of history with visitor tours, hands-on medieval activities for youngsters with the History Knights, and a rare chance to climb to the top of the tower to take in panoramic views.

Elsewhere, there were guided heritage walking tours of London Road and the Town Hall.

Supporting vulnerable people to get help

Tackling alcohol and drug-related antisocial behaviour means addressing the complex health, wellbeing and social issues that affect people's lives.

To help do this, a new Management Intervention Team (MIT) is operating in the town centre, with extended hours that include evenings and weekends.

The MIT is a dedicated partnership of multiple agencies including Luton Council, East London NHS Foundation Trust and Luton's Alliance Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service.

Through assertive outreach, rapid referrals into treatment, mental health support, safeguarding and housing assistance, the MIT aims to help individuals access the services they need and reduce repeat contact with emergency and enforcement services.

The goal is to support people to achieve healthier, more stable lives, whilst reducing antisocial behaviour and improving public confidence in the town centre.

Since launching in July, the MIT has made nine referrals for drug and alcohol treatment, issued 22 overdose prevention kits and made 37 referrals for mental health or housing support.

By focusing on support as well as enforcement, partners are working together to create lasting positive change for both residents and visitors.

Want to know more? Search 'our changing town centre' online to find out what's new!

And next month...

Look out for spooktacular Halloween events for all the family during October half-term, including the return of the Pumpkin Patch on Wednesday 28! Full details on the Step Forward Luton website.

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