

# Investing in town centres you can feel proud of

Hillingdon Council is investing considerable amounts of money in improving the borough's town centres to make them better places for people to live, work and visit; encourage people to shop locally; and deliver economic growth and employment opportunities.



**SOUND OF HAYES**  
Mayor of Hillingdon Clr Carol Melvin cuts the ribbon at the opening of the gold disc canopy alongside Clr Douglas Mills.

## Uxbridge Change of Heart

Uxbridge is currently benefiting from multi-million pound private sector investment, with improved housing and commercial and retail growth, which is in turn providing employment opportunities for local people. The council will also be investing £2 million (with £800,000 from the Mayor of London) in public realm improvements and shop front grants to enhance Uxbridge town centre for residents, businesses and visitors. The scheme proposes to reconfigure the existing footway and landscaping between Tesco, connecting the High Street to Fasnidge Park, in the autumn.



Ghost signage, landscaping and pedestrian lighting will improve this route to the Green Flag park. There will also be new screening for the trade waste bins in Baker's Yard and unifying street furniture throughout the town centre. Shop front grants were launched for Windsor Street at the end of last year to enhance the frontage of independent businesses on this historic road. The council is working with shop branding specialists, Designed by Good People on proposals, with these soon progressing to planning consent and work due to be completed by March 2018.

**Clr Douglas Mills, Cabinet Member for Community, Commerce and Regeneration**, said: "Over the last six years, the council has been, and continues to be committed to major investment in the borough's town centres. Our current focus is making distinct and useful improvements in Hayes and Uxbridge. We want these town centres to be economically successful and our hope is that this work will revitalise their look, making them more attractive for shoppers and visitors."



## Update on the major Hayes town improvements

Work is drawing to a close this summer on the £6 million Hayes town centre improvements, funded by the council and Transport for London. The council hopes that the work, which started in 2015 will make the centre more attractive for shoppers and visitors, allow traffic to flow freely and improve access to public transport.

On Friday 16 June, a new landmark feature, reflecting the rich musical heritage of Hayes and the historic Old Vinyl Factory site was opened. In collaboration with architects, The Decorators, the council has replaced the bandstand with a modern golden disc-shaped canopy, which will act as a recreational area, with seating for the Hayes community and visitors. Uplighters set within the pavement will also create a warm glow and highlight the canopy's decorative features at night.

The canopy was created by The Whitehall Company, who work with a range of artists and public art collections. However, part of the manufacturing process took place locally in Hayes, with Coyle Owen Anodising Ltd anodising the aluminium disc (increasing the resistance to corrosion and wear, making it more durable and giving it an appealing finish).

The company has been supplying high quality anodising for nearly 50 years, and **Managing Director, Graeme Longman**, said: "The final finish for the panels was a glossy light gold colour. Supplying employment to local people and building networks with local businesses is paramount and Owen Coyle Anodising Ltd were proud to be a part of enhancing the look of a local landmark."

The road layout and pavement works in Coldharbour Lane, Station Road and Crown Close will improve traffic flow and make the area more accessible. Work has also included the introduction of separate cycle lanes, new parking spaces, 30 minute free stop and shop parking and countdown timers on pedestrian crossings. Brighter new street lights, furniture and trees have also improved the look and feel of the area.



## Additional exciting improvements planned for Hayes town

The council will be installing a boardwalk extension for Botwell Bridge as part of ongoing Hayes town centre improvements. With the arrival of Crossrail services from December 2018 and significant regeneration underway in the town, such as the Old Vinyl Factory development, connecting the station area to the town centre is vital in attracting residents, workers and visitors to the services on offer. The boardwalk pedestrian bridge will create a cycle lane and an attractive walkway with open views of the Grand Union canal to the east. The council will also carry out public realm enhancements to the area around the new station building, making a distinctive gateway to



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Hayes. The work will complement the major Hayes town improvement works and the new station building, providing a more welcoming and contemporary environment.

Work will focus on pedestrian and transport access, landscaping, lighting, signage and street furniture. The subway connecting the station to Blyth Road will also be revitalised. The Decorators have also been commissioned to create this statement entrance. The subway will build on the Sound of Hayes concept created by the canopy feature, recognising the historic role of EMI in terms of music and their notable inventions.

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