

Training opportunities provided

The City Council made it a requirement of its funding for this project that the contractor must provide training opportunities for unemployed young people in the highly specialised skill of natural stone paving.

A contractor was found who has experience of providing specialist training elsewhere in the country and the first trainees have begun to learn new skills. A test area has been established at Cherry Hinton Hall so trainees can practise the slab and sett laying skills that may help them on their way to a new career.

Origin of the scheme

The Scheme is the result of a bid to the City Council by the Green Street Trader's Association for a grant under the Council's Priority Development Programme (PDP).

The outline scheme has been developed in close consultation with the businesses in Green Street.

Timetable

The works will be carried out in phases.

Phase 1 - the excavation of the existing carriageway along the whole length of the street and the formation of the new carriageway up to the sub-base layer. The footway will be widened and surfaced in new natural stone slabs and the carriageway surfaced in granite setts on the southern side of the street as far as the entrance to Radcliffe Court.

Phase 2 - the footways and carriageway at the Trinity Street end of Green Street will be surfaced.

A full description and timetable for the works will be in the next edition of the Newsletter

About the contractor

The contractor chosen to carry out the works on this street is Stone3. The company, which is based in Glasgow, has a track record of delivering high quality paving schemes in shopping areas.

They have recently been working on a multi-million pound scheme in Sheffield

Access to the street during works

The street will be open to pedestrians at all times, but vehicle access to the street will be restricted.

The work is being carried out in phases to help reduce the amount of inconvenience.

The contractor will be required to liaise with local traders, the Pedestrian Zone Manager and the City Centre Manager to agree the most effective way of carrying out the works whilst at the same time preserving access.

Keeping you informed

Throughout the works you will be kept up to date with what is happening by

- An information board in the street
- Further editions of this Newsletter

For general information about the scheme please contact

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or

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For information about the implications for the Pedestrian Zone please contact

Sue Hewitt - Pedestrian Zone Manager (01223 301037)

The Project Engineer will be Colin Currie and he will have an office in the street once the works begin. His details and telephone number will be in the next edition of this Newsletter.

Watch this space

Further editions of this Newsletter are planned throughout the contract period. The next edition will be published in the week beginning 4 January 1999 and this will set out the work programme in more detail

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FINAL COUNTDOWN TO IMPROVEMENTS NOW UNDERWAY

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Start date fixed

After months of planning the works to improve Green Street will finally begin on 11 January 1999.

The scheme, which is jointly funded by the Green Street Traders Association, Cambridge City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council, has been designed to transform the shopping experience in Green Street. The overall aim is to improve the attractiveness of the street from Sidney Street and Trinity Street to entice people to walk in and visit the shops.

The works include

- Widening the footway on the southern side of the street
- Resurfacing the footways in natural stone slabs
- Resurfacing the carriageway in reclaimed granite setts
- Installing new cycle racks.

There are also plans to modify the junctions with Trinity Street and Sidney Street to make a greater impact on pedestrians to encourage shoppers along Green Street.

The estimated cost of the work is £180,000 and it is planned for completion by the end of May 1999.

Money is also being sought to commission an entrance arch for the Trinity Street end of the street.



Views from the partners

"Green Street is an excellent example of how people and organisations with a stake in the well being of an area can form a partnership to drive a project forward and achieve improvements that benefit everyone."

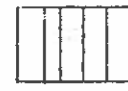
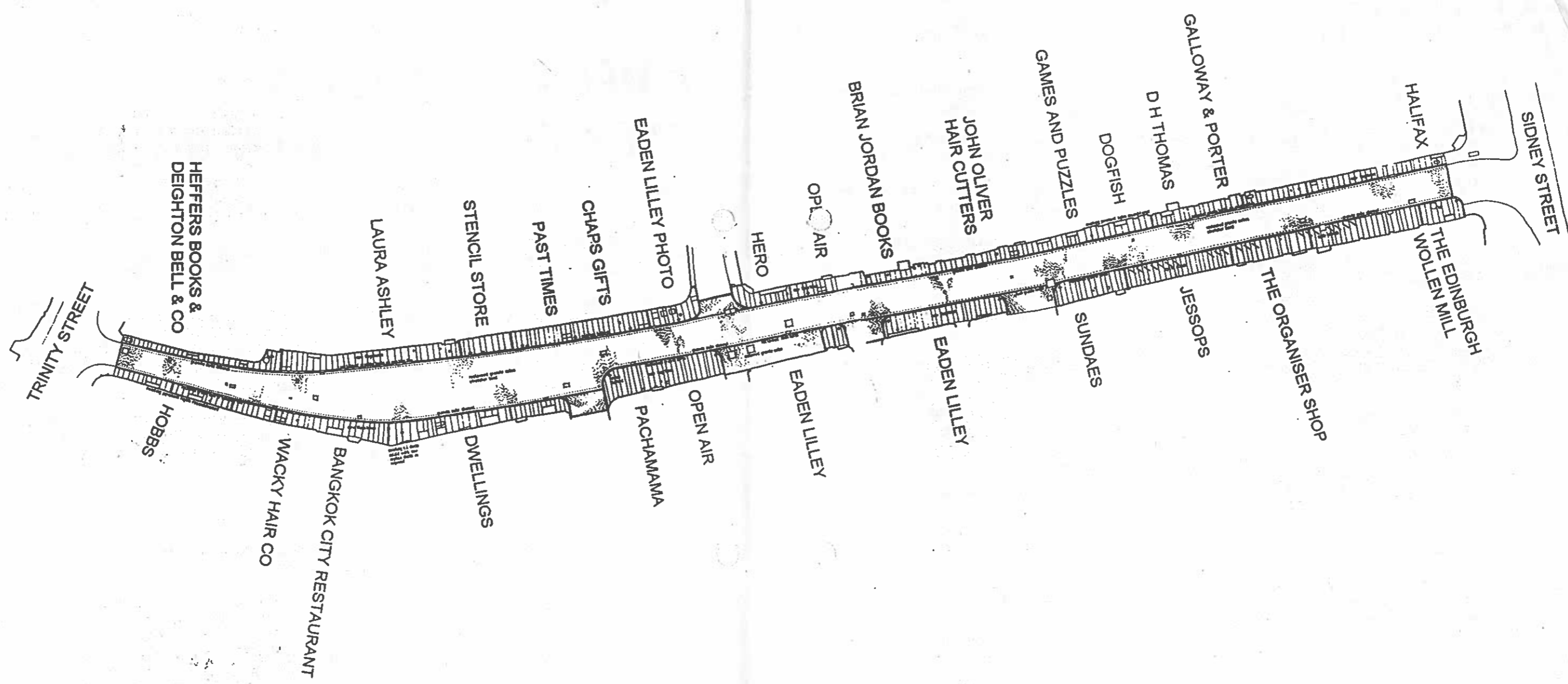
Dr Jeremy Fairbrother - Senior Bursar of Trinity College.

"I am particularly pleased for the City Council to be associated with this scheme to improve this street because it demonstrates what can be achieved by working in partnership with others. Most importantly in this case it will also provide training opportunities for unemployed young people in the city."

Cllr Gill Richardson - Chair of Environment Committee - Cambridge City Council

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This Newsletter has been prepared by the Green Street Project Board which comprises representatives of the Green Street Trader's Association, Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council and City Centre Management



NATURAL STONE PAVING



RECLAIMED GRANITE SETTS

'Cambridge' bollards to protect footways from vehicle overrun

New 'hoop' style cycle racks

GREEN STREET - SCHEME PLAN

