
Tower Repair Work and Road Closures

This document will be updated whenever we have more information

Background

The skyline of Warwick would not be the same without the iconic tower of St Mary's, but after 300 years it requires major restoration work. The core tower structure is sound but, as many of you will have seen from our warning signs and barriers at the foot of the tower, there is a real risk of falling masonry.

While the church was closed during the pandemic we were busy raising the necessary funds to construct protective scaffolding around the lower half of the tower. We are delighted that we now have the funds in place for this first phase of work, which will commence mid-August.

During the scaffolding work there will be some disruption to the roads surrounding the church, but we have been working closely with the County Council, District Council, Town Council and Chamber of Trade to keep these to a minimum and ensure that Warwick is still open for business and that residents have access to their homes. We are aware that this will cause inconvenience, but due to the emergency nature of the work and the size of the tower the roads around the church need to be closed.

Road closures and traffic management plan

- During the scaffold build phase, which should last approximately seven weeks, the three roads around the church will be closed to vehicles.
- Access to Church Street will be maintained with two-way access from High Street / Jury Street (restricted to left turn in and left turn out).
- Access to Northgate Street will be maintained as at present but you will exit the street along Barrack Street and then right on to Joyce Pool.
- Access to Old Square will be via Barrack Street past the Globe Hotel, straight on to Market Square and towards St Mary's Church, keeping Shire Hall on your left.
- The one way street along Barrack Street and Market Place between the Globe Hotel and The Old Coffee Tavern will be reversed to allow vehicles to reach Old Square and to enter New Street Car Park.

Parking

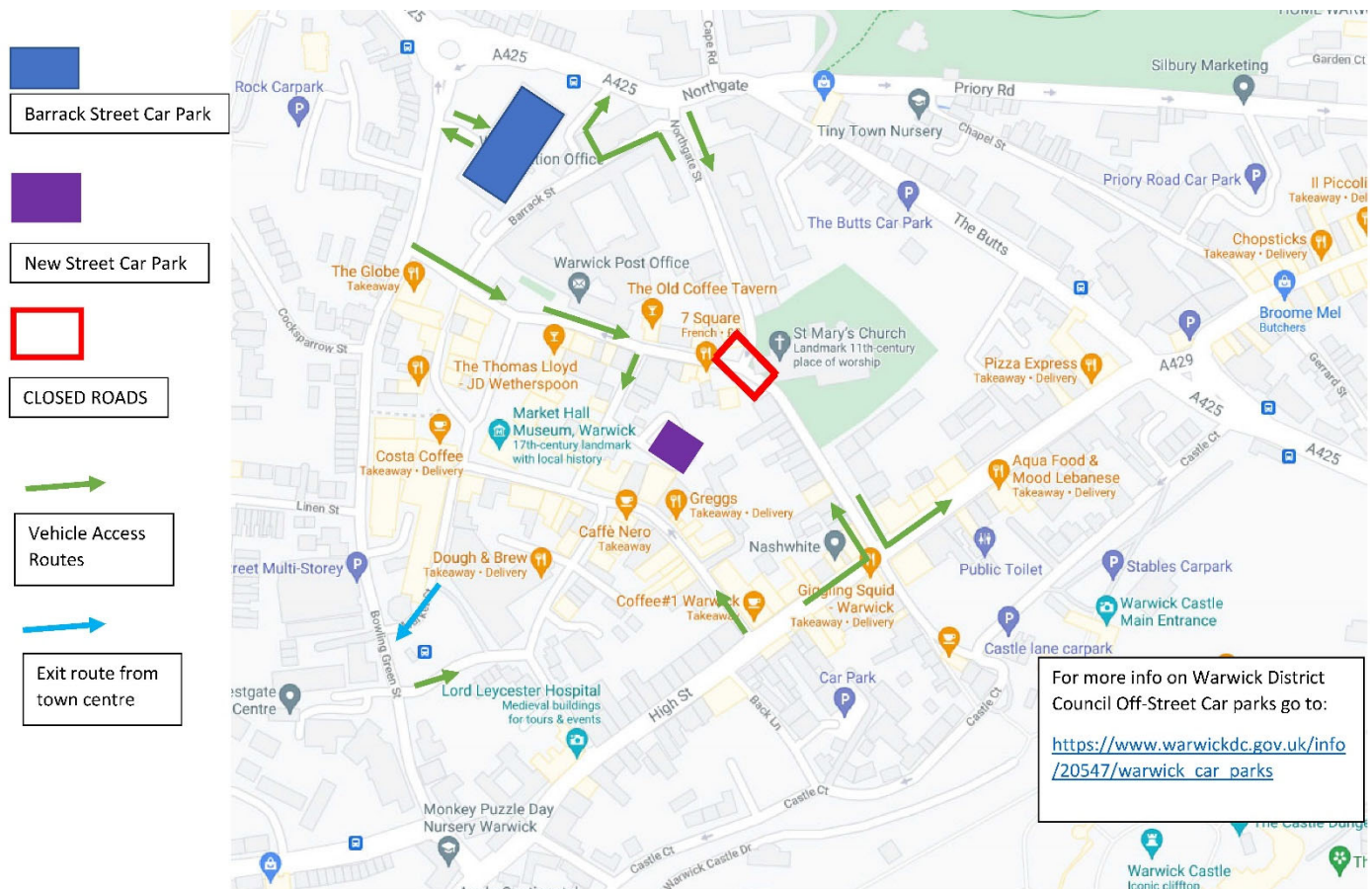
To facilitate the changes in traffic patterns across the town during the closure period there will be removal of some on-street parking bays. This will allow vehicle turning movements on streets and at junctions. To alleviate the pressure on car parking, Warwickshire County Council has allocated the bottom two decks of Barrack Street car park to be used free of charge for residents and customers for the closure period. To access this car parking area vehicles must enter and exit the car park through the lower deck off Theatre Street. No ticket will be required.

Pedestrians

Pedestrian access will be maintained, with protective tunnels from Church Street to Old Square and Old Square to Northgate Street.

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FAQs

- When will the work start?**
We do not yet have a confirmed start date, but it will not be before 16th August.
- How long will the road closures be in place?**
It will take around seven weeks to build the protective scaffolding half way up the tower. The road closures will be lifted once this phase is complete.
- What about the market?**
The market will be slightly reduced in size to allow for traffic flow past Shire Hall to Old Square. For up-to-date information about Warwick Market, keep in touch with CJ's Events:
<https://www.cjevents-warwickshire.co.uk/news/>.
- Will I be able to walk through from Old Square/Church Street to The Butts?**
Yes, there will be a pedestrian tunnel from Old Square to Church Street. Pedestrian access to Tink-a-Tank and College Gardens will be unaffected.