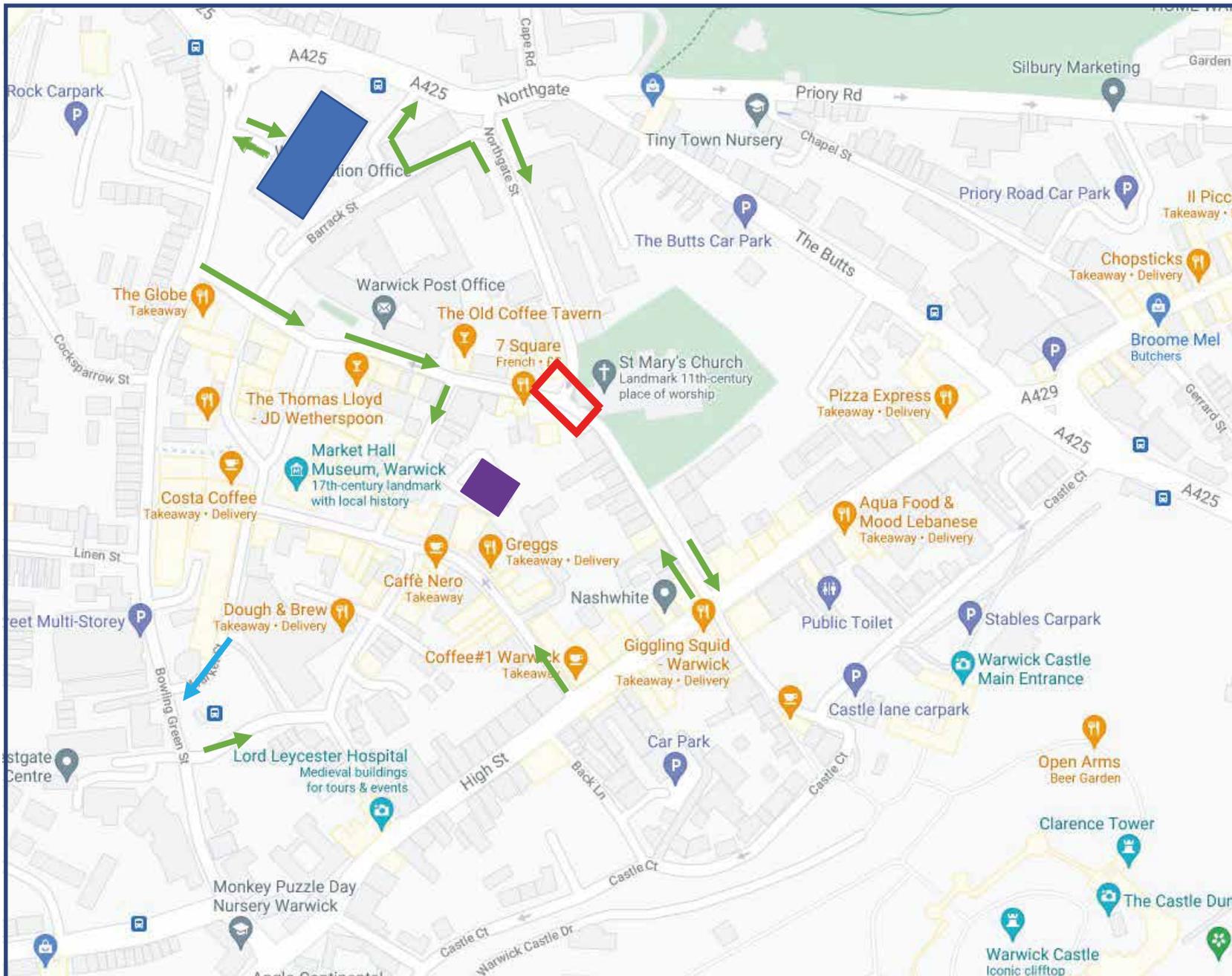


Warwick Town Centre: Open for Business

during restoration work to St Mary's Church Tower





For more info on Warwick District Council Off-Street Car parks go to: www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20547/warwick_car_parks

The iconic tower of the Collegiate Church of St Mary requires major restoration work. The 300 year old core tower structure is sound, but there is a real risk of falling masonry, as indicated by warning signs and barriers at the foot of the tower.

The funds are in place to enable the first phase of restoration work to go ahead. This will commence in mid-August.

All works will be undertaken in a way which will safeguard members of the public. There will be some disruption to roads surrounding the church, but the Church have been working closely with Warwickshire County Council, the district and town councils, the Chamber of Trade and market provider to keep these to a minimum and Warwick open for business. The dialogue will continue over the coming weeks and months.

The scheme will be reviewed regularly and feedback will be taken on board. Further improvements may be made in response to changes in traffic levels and the views of local stakeholders.

Road Closures

The three roads that approach St Mary's Church will be closed to all vehicle through movements from mid-August. Accessible pedestrian movements will be maintained by means of covered walkways and dropped kerbs.

Access to Church Street will be via High Street with left turn in and left turn out restrictions.

Access to Old Square and New Street will be via Barrack Street, along Market Square in front of Shire Hall.

Access to Northgate Street will remain the same but exit will be along Barrack Street, and on to Joyce Pool.

Parking

Parking will be available in all town centre off-street car parks, with the addition of the bottom two decks of Barrack Street car park. Signage to direct motorists to the car parks will be in place, ensuring that diverted traffic can easily access the town centre. Maximum wait times will still apply and only the bottom two decks of Barrack Street car park will be free.

The free allocation of parking in **Barrack Street car park** will be accessible from the lower decks from Theatre Street only.

New Street car park will be accessible by entering the Market Square from Barrack Street (by the Globe Hotel) driving straight towards St Mary's Tower and then turning right on to New Street.

Engagement with partners at Warwick District Council, Warwick Town Council, with local councillors and the business community has been taking place. This dialogue will continue over the weeks and months to come.

