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OLYMPIC SIZE SPACE

Something extraordinary is happening here at Friargate this autumn.

The amount of earth we have excavated to create the basement for Two Friargate has now reached enough to fill more than three Olympic size swimming pools.

The 15,000 metric tonnes of earth we've taken from the site will be recycled into other building projects. But all this work means the basement space now measures 4 metres deep and will soon be home to all of the foundations from which the rest of this 13 storey building will rise.

At 60 metres, we won't quite hit the heights of the surviving steeple of Coventry Cathedral, which at 87 metres will remain the tallest structure in the city (and the third tallest church steeple in the UK).

But every great building has a beginning, and as the basement completes, this will mark the structural beginning of Two Friargate as the slipform core then rises to become a landmark in its own right and the rest of the superstructure is then built around it, floor by floor.

The subsequent steelwork for the building will eventually total 1,100 tonnes – or the weight of eight fully grown Blue whales – the largest animals that have ever lived on planet Earth.

The steelwork supports the full 136,000 sq foot of office space across the building and will eventually carry the weight of up to 1,500 people who will work in the building in the future.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Your contact on site is **Paul Kelly**, he can be contacted on **07825 106 212** or **p.kelly@bandk.co.uk**



A fine view of the city and progress of our work at Friargate with this unique shot taken 90 metres up from the top of our tower crane.

WE ARE CONSIDERATE CONSTRUCTORS



The contractors working on Two Friargate have been awarded a Considerate Constructors score of 40 out of 50.

That's a great result for a large commercial building and means local people can rest assured we are doing everything we possibly can to mitigate the impact of the construction process.

The score also means we will try our hardest to be a good neighbour and reduce levels of noise and nuisance to a minimum.

But the Considerate Constructors standard also means we are doing our best to respect the environment and minimise waste, recycling as much as we possibly

can and taking a lead in identifying, managing and promoting environmental issues to all of our staff, suppliers and sub-contractors.

We also take care of our own workforce and ensure they respect the work they are doing and carry out everything in as safe a manner as possible.

And finally, we really respect our place in the local community and promise to keep in touch through publications like this one to ensure people understand what we are doing, why, and when.

CULTURE VULTURES

We're proud to be supporting Coventry's Capital of Culture programme with a large banner on our Station Square hoarding.

With the city's unique influence on British culture, from Ska to Bhangra and textiles to the Turner Prize, this year the city is giving the world a cultural extravaganza to rival anything else.

With much of the programme still to take place, don't miss the chance to find out more on what's going on across the city: <https://coventry2021.co.uk/what-s-on/>



TRAINEES ON SITE

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We are working closely with Coventry College on their construction traineeship programme to help young people find jobs in the industry.

Our main contractors, B+K, now have five projects underway across Coventry, which means they can leverage even better outcomes for young people in the city by providing wider opportunities and experience for their trainees.

As well as providing traineeship places, senior staff will also be reaching out to other education providers by offering careers advice and presentations on the industry.

Speak to Coventry College if you'd like to find out more about these opportunities and what's required to get on the right course for you, contact Lorraine Cole, Email: lcole@CoventryCollege.onmicrosoft.com

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