

# FRIARGATE

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# TOPPING OUT

Our landmark and innovative new 134,000 sq ft office building, **Two Friargate**, was recently topped out in a traditional ceremony.

Attended by the construction team and local supporters, including Councillor Jim O'Boyle of Coventry City Council and Chief Executive WMCA Laura Shoaf, the event marked the building reaching its full structural height.

The work is now mainly inside the building where the scope of the fit-out has been extended to include additional floors.

This has extended the construction programme which will now lead to completion of the entire building in April 2023.

The public realm and hard landscaping at the base of the building is being laid right now and local people will be able to see the results as the hoarding and fencing is removed. The Boulevard will be restored to its full width in the Spring.

With open plan offices capable of being shaped around individual business needs, Two Friargate's space and specification offers flexible solutions across the full range of office requirements.

# THE RETURN OF THE CHERRY TREES

The Cherry trees that previously formed a natural edge to the Boulevard have been safely stored during construction and will be returning to site shortly, ready to blossom once more next spring.

The trees are much travelled having started life in a Dutch nursery before planting and spending five years in Coventry.

During construction, the trees were removed for protection but will now be making a very happy return to Friargate.



Cherry trees stored in Chesterfield

# MEET HELEN BEDFORD, B&K'S SOCIAL VALUE MANAGER



Helen is an experienced manager in the construction industry and speaks on behalf of the Bowmer & Kirkland Group when explaining how the company can make a difference to the areas in which it works. She says:

*'As a socially responsible contractor, B&K is always alert to opportunities to make a difference and be a good neighbour in the places in which it works.'*

*'Here in Coventry, for example, B&K is helping to redecorate the Oasis Community Café and will again contribute to one of the current foodbanks to help meet local need over Christmas. This is part of the 'Adopt a Food Hub' campaign backed by Coventry City Council, and the firm's contribution will be matched by Friargate Coventry Developments Ltd.'*

*B&K has delivered so far £17.2 million of Social and Local Economic Value as part of the Friargate project through local labour, local spend, our commitment to working within the community, and supporting children and young adults into careers in construction.'*

*'It will continue to work in partnership with local communities and help promote the industry to local people.'*

# NEW HOTEL TAKES SHAPE

**Construction has begun on a brand new, 4-star, 100 bedroom Hotel Indigo.**

The boutique hotel will include a restaurant gym, bar and guest lounge and will create 40 full-time jobs, as well as become a new fixture on the Coventry social and hospitality scene.

**Hotel Indigo is due to open its doors next winter.**



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