



# Town Centre Enhancement Group

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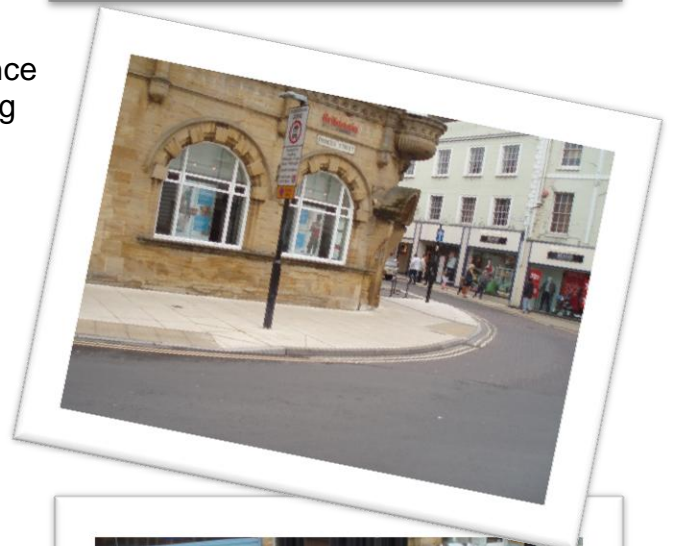
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## Introduction

Town Centre Audit Group has been renamed, the Town Centre Enhancement Group. Yeovil Town Team suggested it was a better title for the type of work currently being done.

## Works Completed 2012/13

- Clearance of trees and shrubs on exit to subway improving visibility. The area will be looked at in 2013/14 to carry out more appropriate planting.
- Planters have been purchased for Park Road as part of the Princes Street Enhancement Scheme, these will be installed very soon.
- New plants have been purchased for the entrance of the subway on Princes Street, the old planting will be removed.
- Resurfacing on High street outside Argos and Britannia, this was completed on time, however, unfortunately the work was not carried out satisfactorily, Marie has taken this up with the Highways department and it is hoped this will be rectified very soon.
- Refurbishing and repainting the Tim Fortune benches, they are looking much better thanks to the Town Teams contribution, Marie will arrange for the seats to be re oiled this year to ensure they are kept to a good standard.



- The bandstand has been repainted prior to hanging the seasonal baskets and the missing pieces have been welded back on.
- The art feature in the Borough has been cleaned along with some paving at the bottom of the town centre on Middle Street.
- A tree has been purchased for the Borough and will be planted this year to replace the smaller specimen.
- The finger pointers have been re-directed, repainted and the new finger pointers with time and distance for the bus station and Borough will be delivered shortly.
- New litter bins have arrived and will be installed shortly on both Princes Street and Sherborne Road.



## Other work currently taking place

- Finishing off the proposed maintenance programme – this will highlight all those items not currently maintained and items that have suffered as a consequence of budget cuts, this will be a preferred maintenance programme that will require multi agency support to improve the current level of maintenance across the town.
- Survey of all bus shelters across the town, look at how they could be better maintained.
- A group will be meeting shortly to look at the problem of graffiti in the town centre and beyond.
- Marie is meeting with Justine Parton from tourism to look at how the town centre could be made more accessible and attractive for tourists. A touring coach park area will be marked out fronting the Manor Hotel as a starting point.

***Marie would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped to guide and deliver the improvement work for the Town Centre Audit Group, special thanks to Steve Fox Horticultural Services, Chris Holly Street Scene, Andy Shaw Property Services and Mike Fear County Highways, in delivering the work on the ground***