

# ***London Borough of Bexley***

## ***News Release***

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### **FACELIFT FOR POPULAR PEDESTRIAN AREA**

Shoppers and visitors are set to benefit from improvements to the well-used Broadway pedestrianised area in Bexleyheath.

Access to the town's many shops and bus stops will not be affected.

"It is now 25 years since the road was closed and the town centre pedestrianised," explains Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Growth, Cllr Louie French. "It has helped attract people in the town over the years, but we talked to the Bexleyheath BID and the Broadway Shopping Centre and decided it was time to freshen things up".

Work started yesterday evening (30 August) and will continue this evening (31 August) near the flower bed in front of the main shopping centre entrance. It will involve removing benches, so that they can be put into storage while the works take place, and making changes to the metal screens.

Larger-scale footway repair work will follow, starting in front of TK Maxx.

The improvements will involve –

- New and improved surfacing
- Decluttering by removing street furniture that is no longer needed
- Refurbishing tree pits and fitting frames to support further growth of the established trees
- Modifying the screens around the flower bed

All the street furniture will be repainted, when the major works have been completed.

Work will take place until mid-November, when they will stop for events and the Christmas period. It will re-start in the New Year and, weather permitting, should be completed by the end of March.

Apart from this week, work will take place only during normal daytime working hours.

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