

## Welcome to Chester

Our historic beauty and unique atmosphere make Chester one of Britain's most popular places for an unforgettable visit.

The historic city of Chester has the most complete city walls, the oldest racecourse and the largest Roman Amphitheatre in Britain, plus a 1,000 year-old Cathedral with Europe's finest example of medieval carvings, enthralling museums and the unique Rows - our 700 year-old two tier shopping galleries to discover. With a vibrant café culture, outdoor dining, Storyhouse theatre, market, independent shops and restaurants plus many more unique festivals and events, Chester has something for everyone.

### Chester will still be open for business

We are doing all we can to keep traffic flowing and minimise any inconvenience; any short-term disruption will be worth it in the long run and enable major new and improved city centre facilities.

These will boost Chester's position as a leading tourism destination. For hotels within or near the inner ring road, separate access-only arrangements will be provided.

The Chester Visitor Information Centre is open daily for, tickets for events and attractions, maps, leaflets and brochures plus friendly advice on things to do and see plus help with all your visitor enquiries.

The Visitor Information Centre is located at **Chester Town Hall, Northgate Street, Chester CH1 2HJ** Tel: **01244 405340**  
**[www.visitchester.com](http://www.visitchester.com)**

See also:  
**[www.experiencechester.co.uk](http://www.experiencechester.co.uk)**

Enjoy your visit and we look forward to welcoming you again soon!



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why is the new drain needed?

The new rain/surface water drain tunnel will be a significant investment in the city centre's future and is a necessary requirement ahead of forthcoming major regeneration and vastly improved city centre facilities.

### Where will the drain go?

It will run from Princess Street south along St. Martin's Way, Nicholas Street, Grosvenor Road and Castle Drive, and will end with a new outfall into the River Dee.



### How will it be built?

The drain will be almost 1km in length, 1.2m in diameter and require access shafts 5.5m wide and 7m deep. Over 85% of the new drain will be installed via tunnelling

rather than an open trench to minimise disruption above ground, but will require 9 access shafts along the route for the tunnelling equipment to operate between.

### Are there any environmental benefits?

Yes, the new drain will result in significant future-proof environmental protections. The Council is working with Welsh Water and the Environment Agency to ensure that the drain meets water industry and environmental standards.

The benefits include:

- Reducing instances of flooding, drain bursts in the city and river flooding downstream
- Diverting rainwater away from the sewer network which will reduce the volume of water requiring sewage treatment and in turn, reduce the energy used as a result
- Maximising the capacity of the existing household and commercial sewer network
- Providing a more efficient and sustainable rainwater drainage network for Chester
- Reducing the number of untreated sewage discharges into the river due to heavy rainfall when the current network is already at capacity.

Cheshire West & Chester Council

# Go Clockwise

## Information for Coach Operators

How to get around Chester during major drain works starting in November 2020



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## A new rain and surface water drainage tunnel is being installed in the city centre.

The work will result in some disruption to coach operators, but will enable the transformation of the city centre for the benefit of residents, businesses and visitors for decades to come.

This is a major infrastructure project that will take approximately one year to complete and will have a substantial impact on traffic using the inner ring road.

During the main construction period, from November 2020 for approximately 12 months, St. Martin's Way and Nicholas Street will be closed to southbound traffic from the Fountains Roundabout. The most efficient and practical solution will be to make the inner ring road primarily a clockwise one-way route for all traffic - see map opposite.

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There will be a one-way only route northbound up Nicholas Street and St. Martins Way, and west from The Bars past the Amphitheatre, along Vicar's Lane, Little St. John Street and Pepper Street. However, St. Oswald's Way will remain in two-way operation as normal.

We recommend that through traffic uses the A55 to bypass the city centre to/from North Wales and Wrexham, or via M56 and Queensferry to/from the Wirral and Neston direction.

## Get Clockwise

Please plan your visits into Chester carefully and bear with us while the work is carried out – you may need to allow more time, consider alternative routes and drop-off/pick-up points.

The map shows the principal direction of travel around the inner ring road and the active coach drop-off and pick-up points, most of which will not be changing. However the former Town Hall bus interchange will permanently close and the Little Roodee car park will be closed to coaches during the works, with replacement parking provided at the Wrexham Road Park & Ride site.

Please also note that the bus interchange at Gorse Stacks cannot be used by coaches.

For more details visit:  
[www.clockwisechester.com](http://www.clockwisechester.com)

## Inner Ring Road Diversions

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## Recommended coach drop-off and pick-up points

- 1 Delamere St.**  
Opposite Medical Centre & Pharmacy (WC nearby at Bus Interchange)
- 2 Upper Northgate St.**  
2 stops: Prior to the Northgate and opposite Storyhouse (WC)
- 3 Vicars Lane**  
Next to St. John's Church and Grosvenor Park (WC in Park and the Groves by River)
- 4 Grosvenor St.**  
Next to Grosvenor Museum (WC) and Saddle Inn
- 5 St. Martin's Way**  
Near the junction with Watergate St. and opposite Crowne Plaza Hotel (On Race Days - morning drop-off only and no pick-up)
- 6 Lower Bridge St.**  
Northbound direction, next to Oddfellows
- 7 Foregate St.**  
Eastbound next to Old Queens Head pub
- 8 City Rd.**  
Stop S2 next to Queen Hotel and railway station (WC)
- 9 Wrexham Road Park & Ride**  
Wrexham Rd, Chester CH4 9DQ. Replacement coach parking site

**Note:** Little Roodee Car Park temporarily closed to coaches due to access restrictions