

Houndshell  
Shopping Centre Blackpool



# Tenants Newsletter

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## Welcome...

Welcome to the twelfth issue of our monthly updates about the refurbishment and extension of the Houndshell Shopping Centre. This newsletter provides you with an update on progress and gives you details about forthcoming works.

Work is continuing to progress well and the completion of the centre is now firmly in sight. The team recently celebrated the completion of the highest point of the centre with a topping out ceremony and will shortly hand over the new Debenhams store to fit out specialists, Styles and Wood.

We will try to keep you updated on this and all other development news until the end of the project. If you have any questions or issues that you would like answering, please let us know and we will try to address these in future issues.

## Time Capsule Burial

The Houndshell Shopping Centre team recently marked a key milestone in the regeneration of Blackpool with the burial of a time capsule.

The capsule was buried in the new double height mall area linking the new extension with the existing centre and a plaque will be laid at a later date to commemorate the burial upon completion of the development.

Winning students Oliver Perkins, 12 and Courtney Hughes, 12 from Highfield Humanities College were invited to perform the burial after winning a competition hosted by centre owners, Modus as part of their 'Community Heart' programme.

Students were asked to suggest items that represent modern day life in Blackpool in 2007 and items buried in the capsule include theatre programmes, an I-Pod, personal diary extracts and sand from the beach.

When the new centre opens, the capsule will act as a reminder to shoppers about the part played by the shopping centre in Blackpool's regeneration.

It is hoped that the capsule will help future generations to gain an interesting insight into life in Blackpool in 2007.



L-R: Courtney Hughes, Deputy Centre Manager  
Gaynor Holland and Oliver Perkins

## Progress Update

Good progress has been made on the Houndshill development since the last update and visitors can now see the final centre taking shape.

Since the last update:

- All concrete pouring has been completed.
- A new ramp has been constructed to link the existing car park to the roof of Debenhams, creating 800 car parking spaces.
- A new food court has been created.
- A new double height mall has been constructed, linking the existing centre with Debenhams and other new units.
- Portals have been erected on external elevations.

Structural work has been completed and the new Debenhams will be handed over to fit out specialists, Styles and Wood in December 2008.

Styles and Wood are scheduled to fit out Debenhams for a 24-week period and phased handovers will also take place with other new tenants including Jane Norman, H&M, Next and River Island during this period.

With the launch of the new centre scheduled for Spring 2008, final phases of work are now underway to complete block work, cladding and utility service diversions. Glazing, escalators, internal doors, external doors and a new lighting scheme will also be installed shortly.

A new entrance will also be constructed on Adelaide Street West in early 2008 to allow shoppers access to the centre from the Promenade once again.

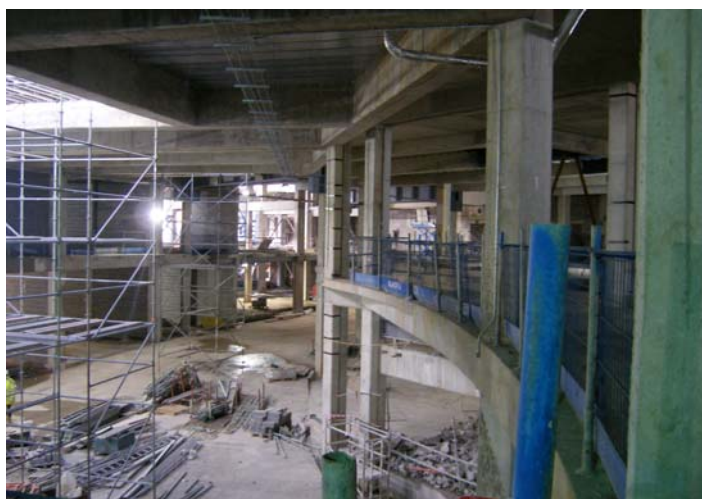
Refurbishment works are continuing to the centre's car park to improve the existing parking provision.

With the countdown now on until the centre is launched, the project team will try to keep tenants updated on progress.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact either Gaynor Holland on 01253 624722 (centre related queries) or Josie Neil on 01253 627283 (construction related queries).



Coronation Street Elevation



Central Square Area of the New Mall



### Christmas Events

- Clown workshops
- Christmas Grotto
- Stilt Walkers
- Candle Making Workshops – 8<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> December

Don't forget there is late night shopping on Thursdays till 8pm with free car parking!



Balfour Beatty's construction site will be closed from 2.30pm on 21 December 2007 until 2 January 2008. No construction works will take place over the Christmas and New Year period.

The development team wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

