

# Community Newsletter

South Molton | January 2026

## Happy new year!

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and wish you good fortune for the year ahead. After a well-deserved festive break, our team is back on site feeling refreshed and ready to take on 2026.

Looking back, 2025 was a year of significant progress. In this edition, we will share some of the key milestones achieved in December and give you a glimpse of what's planned as we kick off the new year.

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## Site Progress

### North and South Buildings

- Steelwork frame and metal deck spanning 4 levels – the halfway mark for the buildings
- Concrete slabs poured on the first level of each building, one step closer to achieving the finished floor level.
- Blockwork walls now complete at basement level 2 and continue to progress at basement level 1. When constructed these rooms will house key mechanical and electrical plant services used to power the buildings.

### 50-54 Davies Street – The Running Horse Pub

- December saw the remaining structural lintels installed in the face of the building.
- Masonry works are nearing completion now around the building – preserving the building's historic looks while improving the robustness of the structure.
- Following the removal of the slates from the roof in November, December saw the beginning of the roof refurbishment process, which will preserve the building's original charm.



## Planned works for 2026

Taking a broader look into the new year, 2026 will see the busiest period of our project timeline. Come the year end we will have completed:

- The superstructure, including the steel frame and decking
- External cladding of both buildings
- Services fit out of both buildings
- Installation of the lifts

South Building Progress from Brook Street

## Christmas at South Molton

Over the festive season, our site operatives enjoyed a well-deserved Christmas dinner on site—a great opportunity to pause and celebrate together after a year of hard work and dedication.

We're incredibly thankful for everyone's efforts in making 2025 such a successful year. Looking back, it's been a fantastic way to close out the year, and now we're ready to carry that momentum forward into 2026 as we tackle the exciting milestones ahead.



## Community Engagement

New opportunities: with the building progressing upwards, more trades are starting on site. This will mean that jobs and apprenticeships will be available on the project. JA Brooks have started a Quantity Surveying degree apprentice on the project showing that the roles available won't just be "on the tools" Interested in a role on site? **Register your interest to work on the South Molton site using the QR code.**



Schools Programme: In December, Lesterose, our bricklaying contractor also spent an afternoon with Construction Youth Trust sharing what it is like to be a bricklaying apprentice today.

Our sustainability team are gearing up for a session with Year 3 at St Mary's at the end of the month, they will be discussing how we can all act more sustainably to protect the planet for the future.

### SITE WORKING HOURS

<b>Monday – Friday</b>	08:00 – 18:00
<b>Saturday</b>	08:00 – 18:00
<b>Sunday</b>	No works on site
<b>Bank Holidays</b>	No works on site
<b>Noisy working hours</b>	08:00 – 10:00
<b>Monday – Friday</b>	12:00 – 14:00
	16:00 – 18:00

### HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding the project, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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### THANK YOU

At Skanska, we understand that construction work can be quite disruptive to the local community. We appreciate your patience and understanding, and we will continue to make every effort to minimise any inconvenience to you.

# Insite

## South Molton Street Community Newsletter

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### Dear Neighbours

#### Happy New Year

Happy New Year! We would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. During December, we made strong progress across the site, and as we move into January, we remain focused on delivering the project safely, efficiently, and with continued enthusiasm.

#### Project Overview

We are currently delivering the refurbishment of 14 heritage buildings, 10 of which are listed. The scheme includes the creation of new retail, food & beverage, and restaurant spaces along South Molton Street and South Molton Lane, alongside both private and affordable residential accommodation.

The project also incorporates the construction of a new passageway connecting 10 South Molton Street to South Molton Lane, providing access to the wider South Molton scheme via Davies Mews.

#### What's been happening in December

December has been another busy month on site, with progress made in the following Buildings. Here's a quick roundup:

- ▶ Scaffold Removal on the façade of 21 SML.
- ▶ Roof repairs on 24 and 27.
- ▶ Internal fit out in 15 to 22.
- ▶ Repairs and restoration of heritage shopfronts on 15, 16, 17 and 21.
- ▶ New window openings formed on the façade of 10 SML.

#### What's planned for January

Looking ahead, here's what's coming up next month:

- ▶ Further propping and demolition works to 24 and 25.
- ▶ Shopfront repairs and internal fit out to retail units 15 to 21.
- ▶ New flooring being installed to apartments in 15 and 16.
- ▶ New extensions and terraces are being formed on SML from 15 to 22.
- ▶ New bespoke kitchen spaces installed in apartments 15B & 16B.
- ▶ Roof works on 24, 25, 27 and 42.
- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> fix of Electrical and Mechanical in 15 -25 and 27.

#### Project highlight: Terrace Extensions

In December, we commenced construction of the new terrace extension at 23 South Molton Street. Works included the installation of new timber walls, structural openings for windows supported by new steelwork, and new floor and ceiling joists.

In January brickwork will be constructed to match the existing façade. The same approach is also being carried out at numbers 20, 21, and 22 South Molton street.



Picture of terrace build on 23

## New Shopfronts

During December, we continued heritage repair works to shopfronts along South Molton Street, with shopfront works nearing completion at numbers 15, 16, 17, 20, and 21.

At number 17, the façade has been carefully restored, with cracks and paint damage repaired and finished with fresh coats of paint, alongside the installation of a new shopfront window. At number 15, the new shopfront and windows have been installed, with the shop entrance door also in place. Further repair works to all shopfronts will continue throughout January.



Shopfronts progress in 15 & 17 SMS

## Logistics

### South Molton Passage closure

We previously communicated that South Molton Passage would be closed for essential structural works. Unfortunately, the passageway remains closed, and we sincerely apologise for this delay and any inconvenience it may cause.

A new reopening date will be communicated as soon as it is confirmed.

Safety remains our top priority, both for our site team and the wider community, so the closure will stay in place to ensure a safe and secure working environment throughout this phase. We appreciate your understanding and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Thank you!

Curo know how their works can interfere with your day-to-day journeys. We would like to thank you all for your understanding so far and moving forward for the duration of the project. We will strive to reduce any disturbance the works may bring to you.

Get in touch

If you have any questions or complaints, please do not hesitate to contact us:



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## Site opening hours

### Site Working Hours:

Monday to Friday, 8am – 6pm

Saturday, 8am – 1pm

### Noisy Working Hours:

8 – 10am, 12 – 2pm and 4 – 6pm daily

### Sign up to the mailing list

These newsletters and other project updates are also sent digitally to the South Molton mailing list.

Sign up at [bit.ly/SMTmailinglist](http://bit.ly/SMTmailinglist) or by scanning the QR code.

