

Towns Fund Programme Summary Report

RAG	West Bromwich Towns Fund Programme
	Digital Den – Project and Financial drawdown is complete.
	Central St Michaels Sandwell Science, Engineering & Manufacturing Centre – Project and financial drawdown is complete.
	Town Hall Quarter – Financial drawdown is complete. Restoration works completed November 2024. Project is now reporting on outcomes relating to usage of Town Hall and Library.
	Retail Diversification Project – The new Indoor Market completed in July 2025 and officially opened to the public on 27 August, which has proven a significant increase in footfall. Aug- Dec 2024: 176,901 Aug- Dec 2025: 331,711 The demolition of Former Wilko Site completed August 2025. The Old Indoor Market is progressing pre demolition surveys. The demolition of King Sq. Cinema demolition works has commenced on site with first stage of internal stripping.
	Urban Greening – Financial drawdown for capital works is complete. Multistory has been approved to utilise a small underspend to extend maintenance work of the pocket park.
	West Bromwich Connected – Phase 3: Bull Street and High Street Junction complete. Phase 4 Spon Lane has been delayed due to utilities works in the same area. Phase 5 Hilltop to Walsall Canal will commence work in January 2026. Project has utilised all Towns Fund monies and now relies on Match Funding for remaining delivery.

RAG	Rowley Regis Towns Fund Programme
	Canal Network Connectivity – This project is complete, and all funding has been drawdown.
	Cradley Heath Skills Campus – Works completed in November 2025. A community event took place in Early December 2025. The campus is now holding further open days and introducing enrolments.
	Rowley Regis Park Improvements- (Previously Britannia Park) This quarter, the Toddler Play Area, Skatepark and Beech Maze at Britannia Park completed. As well as the Play Area at Haden Hill Park.

	Updated project plan has been requested as the project has sought additional funding for Haden Hill and Cornfield Park.
	Blackheath Bus Interchange – Works commenced on site on 31 March 2025 and completed in November 2025. The project team and contractors are working with the traders and businesses to remedy any snagging works or unforeseen issues. The CCTV project for the Town Centre will be included as part of this project scope.
	Rowley Regis Connected – Phase 1, Moor Lane - Completed in September 2024. Phase 2, Oldbury Ringway – Works completed in November 2024. Phase 3 – Cradley Heath – Works are now on site and expects to complete in February 2026. Phase 4 – Wrights Lane completed in September 2025. Further funding has been sought for the extended Wrights Lane works.

RAG	Smethwick Towns Fund Programme
	Ron Davis Centre Expansion – The expansion of the centre completed August 2023, and the project is now reporting on outcomes only. Term 1 enrolments are strong, driven in part by increased maths enrolments, with room capacity largely occupied by long skills courses.
	Midland Met Learning Campus – The project has now claimed the full Towns Fund and WMCA grant. The project completion date has been postponed to March 2026 due to unforeseen issues relating to the electrical and water infrastructure. A media event and stakeholder event is being planned for March 2025.
	Rolfe Street Canalside Regeneration Planning Application for partial demolition was approved in November 2025. Demolition contractors will be undertaking site investigations as part of their contract, with demolition works expected to commence May 2026.
	Grove Lane Regeneration CPO submitted September 2025 and a planning application is expected to be submitted March 2026. The landowner has asked Sandwell Council to withdraw the CPO in order to pursue a private sale, however the council intends to proceed with its statutory powers. A date has been set for 30 June for the Public Enquiry.
	Smethwick Connected All six phases of the scheme are now complete. Project secured additional match funding to deliver the final phase (Black Patch Park and surrounding area).