

Pedestrians at heart of street plan

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TIMES are changing for Axbridge Town Square as residents aim to make its streets more pedestrian friendly.

Axbridge Action Group, formed in 2001, has begun placing new furniture in the square and reducing the number of car parking spaces as part of the Streets of Axbridge Trial.

New planters and benches have already been added to the square as part of a mixture of physical changes.

The group wants residents to give feedback during a meeting in July as part of its plans to maintain an in-depth community engagement to find out what the community would like to see.

The project's core aim is to get the balance right between vehicles and pedestrians throughout Axbridge to create a safe shared space for now and the future.

Peter Harding, chairman of Axbridge Action Group, said: "We have had mixed responses to the changes in The Square, as we expected."

"We are listening to what everyone has to say, because this is a trial, and it is taking place to engender exactly this type of debate."

"We welcome suggestions and ideas, and the positioning of the new planters is not permanent. The planters have been made in oak, which will age and grey, rather like the hunting lodge has."

Members of an Axbridge Facebook group have already started discussions giving their opinion on the new features.

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HAGGLING GOES ON OVER THE SQUARE

A CALL for pavements to be re-instated in parts of High Street, Axbridge, is being made by town councillors following complaints from people in the town.

Champagne toast as work starts on Square

CHAMPAGNE corks popped on Wednesday morning as supporters of Axbridge's Town Square enhancement scheme celebrated the start of the £45,000 project.

Warnings of confusion over traffic in square

There will be no system changes with the square enhancement scheme, but the town square will be taken away under the square enhancement scheme.

Mayor's high hopes during year of office

By Angela Brennan
MAYOR of Axbridge, Coun. Evan Hughes, is looking forward to his second year of office with great faith.

Industry ban stirs angry toy town jibe

SEDGEMOOR District Council has been slammed for helping to turn Axbridge into a toy town by not encouraging people to bring business into the town.

Complaints on slowness with Square work

COMPLAINTS have been made to Somerset County Council over the slowness in completing Axbridge Town Square enhancement scheme.

EXTRA PARKING PLANS FOR SQUARE REJECTED

AXBRIDGE Town Council has refused to sanction extra parking spaces in the town square. The council has been assured that none of their rights and status in administering the town square will be taken away under the square enhancement scheme.

Alterations to Axbridge Town Square have been debated for decades, as these cuttings from the Cheddar Valley Gazette show

Axbridge resident Alison McManus hinted she was not aware the planters were going to be implemented.

"I went for a drink and [the planters] weren't there," she said. "When I came out there

they were - I only had two drinks; honest."

Other residents said the modern look was not in keeping with the medieval town.

The feedback meeting will be at the town hall on July 18.



Annabel and Jackie at the First School popcorn stand at a previous Wedmore Street Fair

Dress up for Magna Carta

IT is time to get ready for one of Wedmore's key events.

This year's Wedmore Street Fair will take place on Saturday, July 4, and is expected to be one of the best ones yet.

Starting with the official opening of the fair by Glenys Cousins at 10am, there will be plenty happening to keep

everyone entertained throughout the day.

As always, there is a fancy dress competition for children and adults, with this year's theme being the Magna Carta.

Winners of the competition will be announced at 11.30am at the Leburne.

Parking will be provided in

fields lent to the event by local families.

The fields open for parking are located next to the village car park on Cheddar Road and opposite the sports fields on Pilcorn Street.

Wedmore residents are encouraged to walk to the event and leave their cars at home.

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