

CASE STUDY

Re-paving a busy town centre street

Client: Wakefield Metropolitan Council

Location: Castleford

Contract Value: £625,000 (phases 1 and 2)

Contract period: Phase 1 - 26 weeks, Phase 2 - 28 weeks

The project comprised the complete re-paving of Carlton Street, Castleford. The street is a main shopping thoroughfare with more than 6,000 pedestrians per day and retail outlets flanking both sides of the proposed works.

The works were completed in two phases.

Phase 1 - 1800 square metres of random Tegula pavers.

Phase 2 - 2000 square metres of 250 x 150 x 125 natural stone granite pavers. Phase 2 was a negotiated extension to the contract following successful completion of phase 1.

Both phases required the taking up of the existing pavers and street furniture, removal from site and introduction of new areas of paving and associated street furniture.

One of the main challenges was to ensure that access to the many retail outlets was maintained at all times, and that pedestrian access was available. We met the challenge by considerate forward planning and liaison



with retail owners and affected parties. Where maintaining access was particularly difficult, works were completed overnight. It was vital that retailers' business was not compromised and that pedestrians could move safely within the area.

The 2nd phase of the works utilised natural granite setts. The nature of the setts, with their inherent irregularity, called for a high degree of skill to achieve a consistent finish. Our specialist in-house teams of pavers completed the works very successfully. The scheme has since featured on Channel 4 'The Castleford Project' highlighting areas of impressive regeneration.