

## Community Newsletter

South Molton | May 2026

### Hello Neighbour,

With May now upon us, we're taking a moment to reflect on a busy April, during which we reached two key milestones and marked important steps forward.

As always, **thank you for your continued patience and support.**

### Site Progress

#### North and South Buildings

- The steelwork frame is now complete on both buildings – a key milestone for the project.
- The concrete slabs are also now complete throughout both buildings, enabling the commencement of the high-level services on each floor.
- The precast concrete panel installation has commenced, offering the first glimpse of the building's finished exterior.
- The reinstatement of Davies Mews is currently in progress, following the removal of the temporary office cabins.

#### 50-54 Davies Street

- Floor strengthening works are progressing within the retained structure, with careful consideration given to retaining the building's existing character.
- The roof restoration at the Running Horse Pub continues to progress, with joinery and masonry works moving forward in parallel.

### Planned works for May

#### North and South Buildings

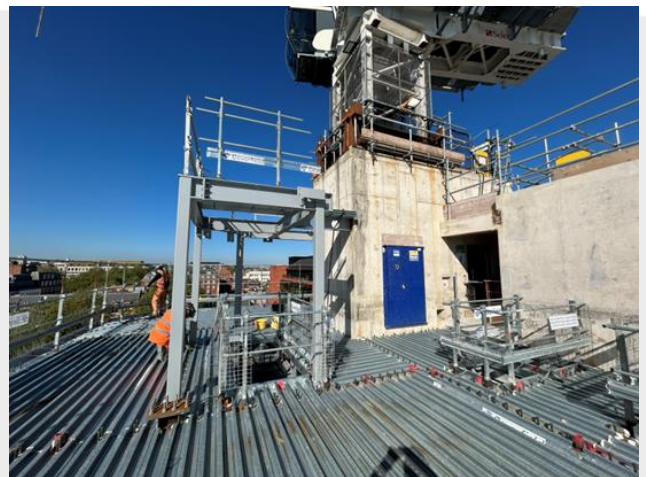
- May will see significant progress on the façade installation of both buildings.
- The CAT A office fit out will continue to progress through all floors.
- The first roofing activities will commence on the South Building.

#### 50-54 Davies Street

- Floor strengthening works in both the Running Horse Pub and 52-54 will continue throughout May.
- The roof refurbishment sequence of works will continue to take place, alongside remaining masonry repairs to the existing structure.

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North Building – Final steel elements



South Building – First phase of precast façade panels installed

## The Great British Spring Clean

In support of the **Great British Spring Clean**, members of the South Molton team took to the roads surrounding the site for a local litter-picking session. This was part of a nationwide initiative encouraging individuals and groups to pledge to collect a bag of litter and make an immediate, visible difference to their environment.

Through taking part, the team helped to improve the local area, contributing positively to the community and the place in which we live and work.

## Community Engagement

Following a successful site tour in March, the South Molton project team welcomed a further group of students from City St George University in April for an additional site visit.

The session was led by Skanska project engineers Catalina and Sophie, and commenced with a presentation outlining the project, followed by a site-specific safety briefing.

Students were issued with appropriate PPE before being guided around site, where they observed progress firsthand and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The visit concluded with a Q&A, followed by a presentation from Sophie and Catalina showcasing their career pathways. Students also had the opportunity to discuss their own aspirations and learn more about routes into engineering and construction.



Members of the Skanska project team taking part in the Spring Clean



City St George Students Site Visit

### 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

May 2026

### Dear Neighbours

During April, we made progress across key areas of the site, and as we move into May, 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 April

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

- ▶ Roof works on 23 – 25, including structural carpentry repairs.
- ▶ Internal fit out in 15 - 22, 27.
- ▶ Repairs and restoration of heritage shopfronts on 15 -18, 20 and 21, including shopfront install on 22.
- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> fix carpentry in 15 and 16.
- ▶ New raised slabs for micro units 21/22 on SML.
- ▶ Demolition and structural repair work in 24 and 25.
- ▶ New waterproofing for residential terraces in 18, 20 and 23.
- ▶ New doors on 15 and 16 terraces.

### What's planned for May

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

- ▶ Roof works on 23 – 25 and 42, including structural repairs and waterproofing.
- ▶ Shopfront repairs and internal fit out to retail units.
- ▶ New Decorative cornices being installed to apartments in 15 - 18
- ▶ Ongoing works to SML residential extensions and terraces on 15 – 23 including brickwork, carpentry and roof installation.
- ▶ Decorative finishes in 15 and 16.

### Project Highlight: 21/22 micro retail units

During April we progressed the pour of new concrete floors in the newly formed 'micro retail' unit facing onto South Molton Lane, providing a robust and level foundation for the next stages of fit-out.

Following this, the party wall between the two units was carefully demolished, allowing the spaces to be combined.

As part of this work, sustainability remained a core focus. Materials were carefully reviewed during demolition, and over one full pallet of reclaimed bricks was salvaged and set aside for reuse elsewhere on the project. This approach not only preserves the character of the historic buildings but also helps reduce waste and the need for new materials.



## Social and Environmental report for Q1 2026

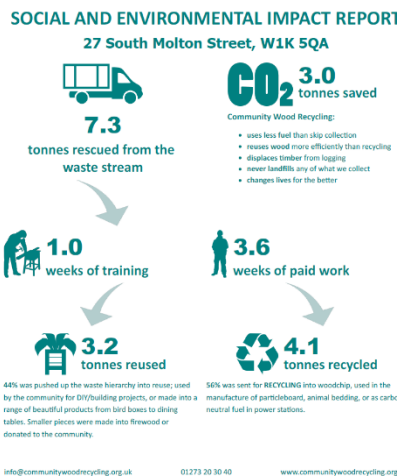
From the 1<sup>st</sup> of January to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, we have been collaboratively working with Community Wood Recycling to recycle old timber and wood on the project.

In Q1 of 2026 alone, we have saved 7.3 tonnes of timber from entering the waste stream.

Of this, 56% 4.1 tonnes of wood has been recycled into woodchip used for animal bedding or as carbon neutral fuel in power stations.

The other 3.2 tonnes 44% was pushed up the waste hierarchy into reuse, used by the community for DIY/building projects or made into a range of products from bird boxes to dining tables. Smaller pieces were made into firewood or donated to the community.

Working with Community Wood Recycling we have managed to create almost four weeks of paid work and one weeks worth of training to provide a new skill/trade.



## Q1 Sustainability report

### 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 you're 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](https://bit.ly/SMTmailinglist) or by scanning the QR code.

