

## WATCHET TASK FORCE

Report to Watchet Town Council October 2025.

### **1 Feria Report progression using £10K Shared Prosperity funding**

Richard Eastham of Feria Urbanism has been leasing with the Deputy Clerk to facilitate a public consultation on designs for Swain Street car park and Harbour Road and car park. It was scheduled to be held on Monday / Tuesday 6 / 7 October.

An update will be presented at the Council meeting of 13 October.

### **2 Market Street car park**

PM & AR reported to WTF that Somerset Council had approached Watchet Town Council about their concept designs for a Sustainable Urban Drainage Scheme (SUDS) for Market Street car park. Concept designs had been sent but labeled confidential at this stage.

PM explained that rain water from Peel Court, Malthouse Court and the car park drained across the car park to a single gully opposite the back entrance to the Bell Inn. There was a small opening in the wall to direct water direct into the river. The scheme envisaged, amongst other ideas, a ramp at the entrance to the car park to divert water towards the river where it would be intercepted by a rain water garden occupying the current disabled car park spaces.

It was confirmed that the scheme did not envisage a use for the closed toilet block in the centre of the car park. WTF thought that the scheme was worthy of progression alongside the Feria concept design for the car park.

### **3 Additional Visitor sign**

An additional sign to guide people from Market Street car park to Swain Street by the post office was awaiting installation. Council approved the spend from the WTF budget last month. Cllr Terrett to advise on progress.

WTF approved a suggestion that a smaller sign directing pedestrians back to Market Street car park be installed on the wall of the post office.

## **Recommendations**

- 1 Council notes and accepts the report.
- 2 Council agrees to work with Somerset Council and Wessex Water to progress an urban enhancement scheme incorporating the Feria and SUDS concept ideas.
- 3 Council agrees to the funding of the additional visitor sign above - Cllr Terret delegated to work with the Deputy Clerk to progress.

Report by Cllr Murphy, Council representative to Watchet Task Force