The ‘canalside quarter’ of King’s Cross, which has opened up this summer, has brought to life the more tranquil area next to buzzing Granary Square.

Right next to Regent’s Canal, the variety of restaurants, shops, a gallery and green spaces are now all working together to create a welcoming place to sit and relax, have some food, and watch the world go by.

Wharf Road Gardens is the name of the promenade running between Granary Square and York Way. Paths wind through lawns and raised beds that are edged with benches. There is a new, gently-sloping ramp access from Wharf Road Gardens to the canal towpath and a public lift for those who can’t manage the ramp or the steps at Granary Square. The sinuous shapes of the gardens were created to reflect the winding route of the canal and the pattern of the railway sidings that once ran through the site. The beds are framed in corten steel, which was used in the construction of the railways back in industrial times.

ArtHouse has boutique fitness studio Frame as well as Knight Frank and The Greek Larder; the Midland Goods Shed is now home to a Waitrose supermarket, cookery school and café, plus Ruby Violet, an ice-cream parlour; Two Granary Square plays host to the House of Illustration public gallery; and West Handyside Canopy, constructed in 1888, is a covered space for events such as London Fashion Week, markets and bootcamp training sessions.

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Construction update

Fenman House
The Fenman House structural concrete frame is now under construction and will reach its full height by the end of 2016, by which time the brickwork and glazing installation will be well progressed.

R7
The 150,000 sq ft Duggan Morris office scheme is currently progressing well and on programme, with the concrete frame reaching level 7 of 11. Cladding works have begun, and the off-site manufacture of the cladding panels and bathroom pods is ongoing. Over the next few months the pink façade panels will begin to wrap around the building following the completion of the concrete frame.

Cooling Pod
The Cooling Pod, located on a thin strip of land between the HS1 railway and the T Zone development plots, houses cooling generation plant facilities serving approximately 15 buildings in the northern part of the King’s Cross development. It will build on the sustainability strategy of the T1 Energy Centre, going beyond the provision of CHP (combined heat and power) to tri-generation (combined cooling, heat and power).
At the end of June 2016 the Cooling Pod was just over halfway through erecting its steel frame, with work commenced on the trackside retaining wall and continuing with concrete pours to form the ground floor slab. The target completion for the Cooling Pod is Quarter 3 2017.

Coal Drops Yard
The redevelopment of Coal Drops Yard as a new shopping destination is well underway, with the below-ground works nearing completion. Retained existing trusses have been repaired and existing damaged slates removed, ready for replacement.
The next few months will see the creation of vertical circulation cores and a new steel frame to support the roof level extension, due to commence construction at the end of the year. Coal Drops Yard will open in late 2018.
New free wifi at King’s Cross

KX offers a free public wifi service across the public realm through service provider Haptic.

The new service is free, unlimited and available 24 hours a day, offering wifi to all visitors to the development. This replaces the service previously provided by The Cloud. To connect, simply click on wifi network ‘King’s Cross N1C’ and complete the simple registration process.

Cycle at King’s Cross

King’s Cross was recently awarded a Club Peloton baton as the UK’s most cycle friendly development.

The streets here are designed to be safer for bikes, with plenty of on-street cycle parking. There are now two Santander Cycle docking stations with over 50 bikes, plus a Brompton bike docking station coming soon. The Santander bikes are located on Goods Way and Handyside Street, while the Brompton bikes will soon be found outside Six Pancras Square. There are also free monthly Dr Bike checks to anyone who lives, works or studies at King’s Cross. The service is provided by the London Cycling Campaign and is available once a month in Battle Bridge Place.

New Openings at King’s Cross

The Lighterman

This new, all-day bar and restaurant offers three floors of eating and drinking right at the heart of King’s Cross.

The beautiful contemporary building is designed by Stanton Williams Architects and spans the eastern side of Granary Square. The interiors are sleek and industrial, with large open spaces, floor-to-ceiling glass windows and exposed concrete.

The lower level has an alfresco terrace on the banks of Regent’s Canal. Inside, the wood-fired grill makes a fitting focal point for casual and relaxed drinking and dining. The ground floor offers outdoor seating on Granary Square and serves breakfast through to dinner from the open kitchen. The top floor offers a more formal dining experience and has panoramic views across the square and canal, with its wraparound terrace.

The modern British all-day and weekend brunch menus are made up of seasonal and sustainable produce, and offer a range of choices from healthy salads and spelt flour flatbreads, to aged beef burgers. The drinks menu includes draught & bottled beers, craft ales and seasonal cocktails, together with a carefully-chosen wine list.

The Lighterman is named after the workers who operated “lighters”, the flat-bottomed barges that were a common sight on London’s waterways in the 18th Century. http://bit.ly/29Lw1ac

Ruby Violet

Basil & lemon, violet & honey, apricot & sour cream – these are just some of the weird and wonderful yet completely delicious flavours that you can expect from London’s most exciting ice cream parlour. All ice cream is made in small batches and prepared daily on the premises. Only organic milk, seasonal fruit, free range eggs, British or fair trade sugar are used, and there are no artificial preservatives. http://bit.ly/29GWtSH

Summer Events at King’s Cross

Kerb Reggae Roast - street food and music

The Aston Martin Owners Club event

Crowd cheering Andy Murray’s victory at Wimbledon 2016

Mutoid Waste at PunKX

Kerb presents Noshville - an American-themed event

Strawberries and Screen

The big screen was back at King’s Cross bringing all the live action from Wimbledon tennis tournament to Granary Square. The Lighterman served up Wimbledon-themed food and drink from a pop-up bar on the square.

UEFA Euro 2016 FanDome

King’s Cross brought all the action from the UEFA Euro 2016 to the UK fans with the Hyundai FanDome – a giant, 360-degree wraparound screen which responded instantly to goals, red cards and even national anthems. 15,000 fans were as close to the game as they could get, without actually being on the pitch.

PUNKX

In June, King’s Cross celebrated 40 years of Punk with the day-long festival, PUNKX. Visitors saw punk-inspired performances, fire-breathing cars, live music and plenty of visual spectacles. You could also design t-shirts and album covers, and have a go at being a ‘punk guitar hero’. Street food vendors kept people fed and the live performances went on into the early evening.

KERB takeovers

On the last Friday and Saturday of the summer months, street food vendors KERB have been taking over Granary Square with themed mini-festivals. Noshville celebrated all things Americans in June, Reggae Roast served up Caribbean street food and entertainment in July and Miami brunch rounded things off in August.

Aston Martin

Over 70 Aston Martins rolled into King’s Cross in May. Classic car enthusiasts met members of the Aston Martin Owners Club and got up close and personal with an impressive display of their motorcars, in a fun family day out with vintage-themed food and plenty of activities for the kids.
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For more information call **020 7974 5161** or visit www.kingscrossconstruction.co.uk

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**Who is backing the scheme?**
67 acres at King’s Cross are being developed by the King’s Cross Central Limited Partnership (KCCLP), which brings together:
- Argent King’s Cross Limited Partnership
- AustralianSuper

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King’s Cross is an extraordinary piece of London; a diverse and exciting destination with places to work, shop, be entertained and call home.
- **50** new and restored buildings
- **Close to 1,900** new homes
- **20** new streets
- **10** new public places
- **8** million square feet
- **26** acres of public space
- **42,000** people living and working

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