

January 2020. 30 Dec 2019 - 01 Feb 2020 Monthly Performance Report for: Cambridge

Springboard Benchmarks - YoY

Shopping Centre Index
Cambridge -0.5%
East -0.1%
UK 0.2%

High Street Index 2.6% -1.9%

Cambridge City Centre Footfall

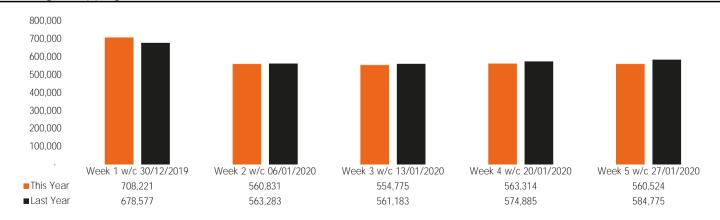


The Weekly Average Total for January 2020 was 774759

The Weekly Average Total for January 2019 was 755231

The Weekly Average Total for January 2020 was 2.59% compared to the previous year

Cambridge Shopping Centre Footfall



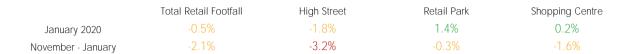
The Weekly Average Total for January 2020 was 589533 The Weekly Average Total for January 2019 was 592541

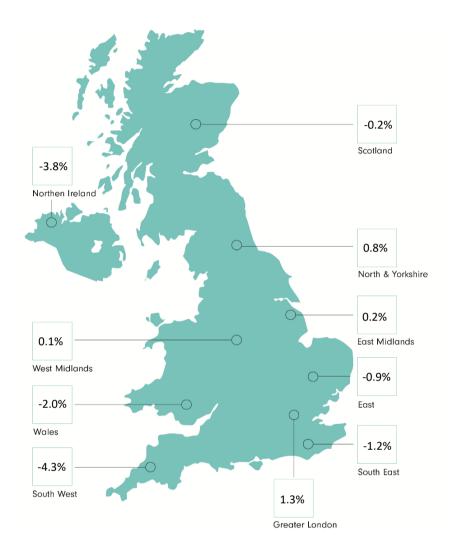
The Weekly Average Total for January 2020 was -0.51% compared to the previous year

Note:

Numbers of visitors recorded by footfall cameras in Grand Arcade, Lion Yard and The Grafton







Region Month Average
Weighted UK -2.1%
Scotland -1.2%
Nothern Ireland -5.4%
Wales -4.7%



Diane Wehrle, Insights Director at Springboard, said:

The start of 2020 brought some stability for bricks and mortar stores, with a drop in footfall in retail destinations of just -0.5% from January 2019, when footfall dropped by -0.7% from January 2018. Shop vacancies reinforced this, with a second consecutive quarterly improvement, bringing the UK rate down to 9.8%, the lowest for a year and below the rate of 9.9% in January 2019.

Retail parks continued to attract additional shoppers, with a rise in footfall of +1.4%, demonstrating their ability to bridge the gap between functionality and experience by offering a proposition that meets the needs of today's efficient shopper; they are easy to access and navigate with the additional benefit of free parking, whilst incorporating an offer that matches consumer expectations as spending restraint continues in the face of ongoing economic uncertainty.

January was the first month since March 2017, and only the third month in four years, that footfall in shopping centres rose; and whilst a rise of +0.2% is only a modest increase it brings some much needed hope for this destination type that has consistently lost shoppers for over two years. It seems that this is an early sign that the regeneration schemes long planned by owners to broaden the offer of malls to incorporate a greater experiential element, particularly in the larger malls, are working and they now better reflect consumers demands. It is likely that this is part of the reason why footfall in high streets declined by -1.8% in January, as consumers were attracted back into shopping centres, and is further illustrated by the contrast in footfall post 8pm which rose by +3% in shopping centres whilst declining by -1.3% in high streets.

Commenting on the Cambridge Monthly Performance Report, Cambridge BID added:

High Street footfall in January 2020 was 2.6% up against January 2019 indicating a good start for 2020. All but week 3 in Cambridge were up year on year whereas the UK average was 3.5% down for the same period. Shopping Centre footfall in Cambridge during January 2020 was 0.5% down on January 2019 but this still compared favourably when looking at the eastern region which was 3% down and the UK which overall was 2.1% down.

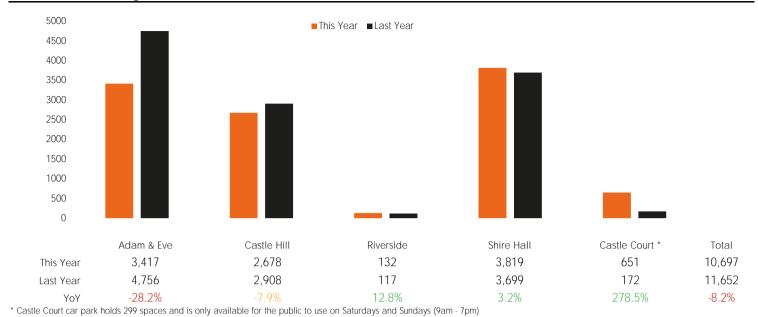
Park & Ride Figures for January show a 9% increase in the number of people using Park & Ride in January 2020 compared to January 2019. By contrast, multi storey car park usage was down 4.1% overall in January 2020 with all car parks showing a drop in usage, the largest coming from Park Street car park. Surface car park usage was down 8.2% in January 2020 with Adam & Eve the worst performing. Castle Court, Shire Hall and Riverside surface car parks all saw increases in usage.

The Cambridge BID Ambassador team welcomed over 500 more visitors in January 2020 than in January 201. They also conducted more business welcomes, reported fewer incidents of commercial waste across the city but an increase in environmental issues when compared to January 2020.

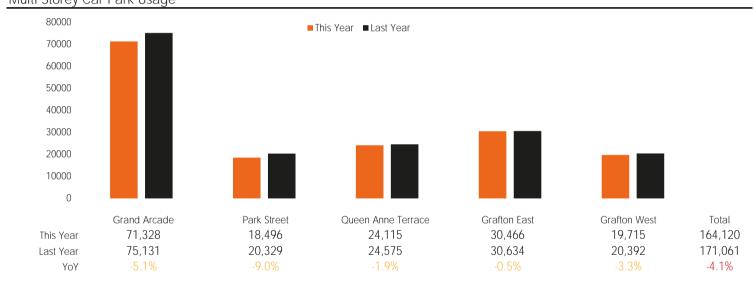
The Visitor Information Centre, operated by Visit Cambridge & Beyond, saw a significant 17.1% increase in visitor numbers during January 2020 compared to January 2019.



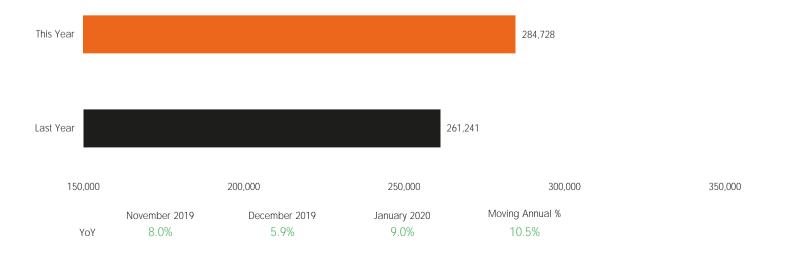
Suface Car Park Usage



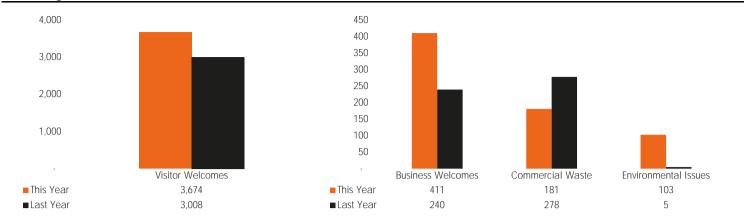
Multi Storey Car Park Usage



Park & Ride Usage

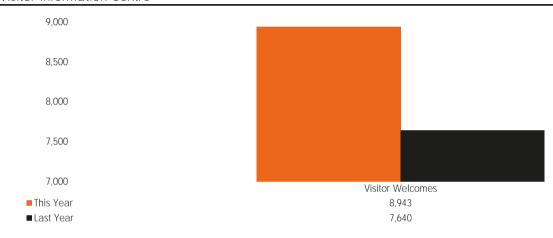


Cambridge BID Data



Note:

Visitor Information Centre



MA – 'Moving Annual' is the annual % change in sales/visitors for the last 52 weeks, compared to the same period last year YoY – 'Year on Year' is the % change in sales/visitors from the same period in the previous year WoW · 'Week on Week' is the % change in sales/visitors from the previous week

^{*}Cambridge BID have recently started using a new data capture system so we are expecting some variation in the figures