CONTEXT

Brixham is one of Devon’s most popular tourist resorts, attracting a large number of visitors during the summer months. Fore Street is the main shopping street. To reduce the risk of conflict with vehicles and improve comfort for pedestrians a seasonal pedestrian priority scheme was introduced in 1971. However, this arrangement offered little scope to improve the appearance of the area and to enhance the environment for shoppers and tourists.

OBJECTIVES

The Local Plan advocated the development of two distributor roads to the north and south of the town centre. The aim was to exploit this opportunity to extend the seasonal pedestrian priority in Fore Street.
from 5 months only to all the year round and
to implement functional and environmental
improvements to help revitalise the
shopping street and enhance its character.
This was to be achieved by excluding traffic
between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. from Fore Street
together with its complete reconstruction
with high quality materials.

DESCRIPTION

Traffic Orders were made in respect of
the extension of the summertime pedestrian
priority in Fore Street to 12 months of the
year, to enable the reconstruction of the
street to take place. The former carriageway
and footways were paved at one level. The
“vehicle track” was defined by brick pavers
in a contrasting colour. A comprehensive
range of street furniture was provided as
well as new street lighting and some feature
planting which includes seating.