

Great Western Electrification Programme, August 2014

Dauntsey Lock, Ladbroke Lane and Notton Lane Bridges opened for the public

Our team worked hard to ensure that these reconstructions were completed as soon as possible. As a result, Dauntsey Lock bridge has reopened three weeks ahead of schedule, on 18th July. Also, Ladbroke Lane bridge opened on the same day, one week ahead of schedule.

Gordon Clark, a local resident who has lived adjacent to Ladbroke Lane bridge since 1971, said: "The appearance is elegant from our dining room window; not the old bridge that my children grew up with but one that will last twice that time or more, having noted some of the materials put into its construction."

"I hope all who have worked on this project are proud of what has been constructed and that it will mellow into the scenery over the next few years, although it won't have the old steam engine smoke to help."

Notton Lane bridge was also opened to the public at the beginning of August as scheduled. There will be a minor road closure later this autumn that we will advertise in due course, in order to allow the utilities company to connect the electric cable adjacent to the new structure.

Dauntsey Lock Bridge



Corsham Station Foot Bridge

We hosted a public engagement event on 12th August at Corsham Town Hall, in order to gather feedback from local representatives on the impact of the proposed diversion route, illustrated below.

The foot bridge reconstruction, as part of the Electrification Programme, is planned for this winter with a period of closure proposed from November to January 2015.

We are currently looking at the programme in order to find the best solution to minimise the disruption by shortening the closure period.

We will be hosting a second public engagement event on September 9th at the same venue – Corsham Town Hall- from 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm, where we will present more details about the project.



Corsham Aqueduct

The project team is currently evaluating design options taking into consideration a hydrologist report. The work for replacing and raising the aqueduct is planned for March 2015.

Shockerwick Foot Bridge

The reconstruction of this foot bridge is planned for Christmas this year. We will be replacing the bridge and works will be undertaken with minimal disruption under traffic light control on A4.

Templars Firs Footbridge, Royal Wootton Bassett

The footpath is currently closed and the bridge reconstruction continues apace. The scheduled opening date is January 2015.

Broad Town/ Marlborough Road, Royal Wootton Bassett

During a workshop organised in July with all stakeholders, we received feedback that revealed serious concerns about the available diversion routes and the duration of the road closure. Therefore, together with our contractor, we are currently looking at available design options that will allow us to perform the reconstruction with a minimal disruption to the road.

Brinkworth Updates

Community Engagement

As work taking place on the School Hill Road is close to the Earl of Danby's School, we spoke in July with the children about safety around the construction site. We also encouraged them to explore their creative side during an art competition, by drawing something related to their passion in life. The results ranged from pictures of owls to drawings of trains, with the winners from each year group receiving certificates and prizes of art equipment - pictured below.

The winning drawings from each year group will be laminated and displayed at the temporary structure, while the bridge reconstruction work is taking place.



School Hill Road - Bridge Reconstruction

Due to necessary pre-works related to utilities diversion, we had to bring forward the closure date to 29th August. This will last for approximately 15 weeks. During this time, a signed diversion route, illustrated below, will be in operation. There will be a small speed restricted zone (30mph) within the diversion route to account for the narrow section of the road.

The bridge will be demolished during a 29hr possession* of the railway (*A period in which trains will not be operating) from 11:35 pm on 4th October 2014 to 5:00 am on 6th October 2014.

Following the demolition, the bridge deck beams will be placed during a further 29hr possession of the railway from 11:55 pm on 11th October 2014 to 5:00 am on 13th October 2014. Working hours will generally be between 07:30 am and 5:30 pm from Monday to Friday. Overnight and weekend works will be kept to a minimum.



Little Somerford Underbridge

Strengthening works will start in March 2015 until May 2015. There will be a minor disruption on the road while we undertake the work at night under traffic light control.

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