

A19 / A1058

Coast Road Junction Improvement Scheme Community newsletter: **February 2019**



Welcome to the January edition of Highways England's A19 / A1058 Coast Road Junction Improvement Scheme newsletter for local residents, businesses and road users.

Investing in your roads

At Highways England we believe in a connected country and our network makes these connections happen. We strive to improve our major roads and motorways – engineering the future to keep people moving today and moving better tomorrow.

We want to make sure all our major roads are more dependable, durable and, most importantly, safe. That's why we're delivering £15 billion of investment in our network – the largest investment in a generation.

The Coast Road junction improvement scheme is a critical part of this investment and will improve

journeys between the A19 and the surrounding road network, which is great news for the local and regional economy.

Since our last newsletter, back in June, work has progressed well and we're now well on the way to opening to traffic in March 2019.

We have now removed the 80,000m³ of soil that was needed to create the underpass. The soil removed will be re-used on the forthcoming Testo's junction improvement scheme which will follow on directly from the Coast Road scheme.

Site update

There has been a lot of progress over the last number of months with the majority of work being carried out under the new bridges, forming the trough.

All the material has been excavated between the new retaining walls and bridges forming the clear route through. The deep drainage has been completed and is now operational.

Pavement construction is complete and the permanent cladding to the piled walls is complete.

We are currently operating 12 shifts a week, with 5 dedicated night shifts.

Works being carried out at night include the installation of non-motorised users (NMUs) bridges, removing A1058 pedestrians and cyclists from the roundabout. Along with repaving of existing carriageway and the installation of new traffic signals and street lighting.



I-r Norma Redfearn Mayor of North Tyneside and Steve Cox Assistant Project Manager Highways England



A clear path through to the other side of the bridge

Community update

So far we have visited 27 different schools, provided multiple site visits for Durham, Teesside Northumbria, Newcastle, Leeds, and Paris University students, site visits for local businesses and VIPs and we have raised £4968.05 for local charities.

Educational events

We attended two Career speed-dating events - one at The Parks Leisure Centre for George Stephenson and Longbenton High Schools and the other at Norham High School. Pupils spend 5 mins at each desk where a representative from different businesses are sitting and the pupils have set questions to ask so they can

find out if they may be interested in that kind of career. Information packs and booklets were provided to the pupils to help them gain a little more information on each of the careers identified.

We visited Percy Main School and agreed to help them with their school outdoor play area by donating very large drainage pipes and 80 tonnes of soil.

The soil was then scattered with grass seed by one of the school teachers. Once the grass has grown enough we will return for the official opening of the play area.



Charity



In August we were in the fortunate position of being able to take part in the DIYSOS North Shields. A Project for a family with three girls, a 10 year old, 5 year old and a 3 year old. The three-year-old was born with a hole in her heart, developed Sepsis which damaged her kidneys and she is required to have dialysis every night and is partially sighted and cannot sit unaided. The DIYSOS team built a single storey extension to house Evelyn's bedroom and bathroom so her Mum doesn't have to carry her upstairs each night. The whole house had a make-over, the drive and both front and rear gardens also had a make-over. We worked for three days on the gardens and pathway in the rear garden and donated materials and all of the plants for the project. The programme will be aired later this year so we are restricted on what photographs we can show but here are some we can.



I-r Sandra Evenden SLJV, Billy Byrne DIYSOS team and Julie Alexander



The whole DIYSOS team with Julie Alexander from Highways England

Awards

Sisk Health, Safety and Wellbeing Award, Project Winner 2018 –

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Dave Hill, Sisk Strategic Highways Director and James Keogh, Senior Project Manager pictured right receiving the Sisk Health, Safety and Wellbeing award at the ceremony in Ireland in December 2018.



Supporting Charities at Christmas

Our staff supported Metro Radio's cash for kids mission, bringing in wrapped presents for children who would otherwise have received nothing on Christmas morning.



We also raised over £135 from Christmas Jumper Day.

Once again Sisk's joinery apprentices made a variety of toy benches, play kitchens and activity stations which were donated to St Oswald's hospice, Benton Dene School for children with special needs and Howdon library.



Amanda Douglas from Howdon Library accepting the toys made by Sisk joinery Apprentices from Sandra Evenden SLJV Stakeholder Manager

Benton Dene Special needs School tweeted on Monday 17 December 2018

Benton Dene School would like to thank [@HighwaysNEAST](#) [@SiskGroup](#) [#sisktoys](#) for their kind donation of these [beautiful toys](#).

As you can see they are a big hit with the children!

THANK YOU

The future

We attended a further Public Awareness event at the Silverlink Shopping Park in July where we received some very positive comments about the progress of the scheme from members of the public. Many people took a copy of the last newsletter away with them to read and we were frequently asked,

“When is it going to be finished?”

We advised we would finish at the end of March 2019.



Steve Cox, assistant project manager, at the July Public Awareness Event.

Keeping you up to date



Online:

Up to date information will be posted on our scheme web page as it becomes available, at: www.highways.gov.uk/A19-A1058CoastRoadJunction



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at: www.highways.gov.uk/A19-A1058CoastRoadJunction

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