

Princes Quay bridge and Roger Millward Way roundabout summer newsletter



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. We're building a landmark bridge from Princes Dock to Humber Dock which will be fully accessible for pedestrians, cyclists and disabled people, helping them to cross the A63 safely.

Scheme updates

Roger Millward roundabout is now partially open with some remaining lane restrictions for ongoing work. We're making good progress and have had excellent feedback from residents and road users about our traffic light technology which is intuitive and works with traffic flows to lessen disruption for drivers.

This will greatly improve pedestrian safety as well as helping to improve congestion by removing the two existing crossings on this busy stretch of road.

The bridge, which has received a funding contribution of £4m by the Humber Local Enterprise Partnership, is the first phase of the A63 Castle Street improvements scheme and will create better pedestrian links in Hull city centre. Alongside this, we're making improvements at Roger Millward Way (formerly known as Garrison Road).

Since our last newsletter in April, work has been progressing well.

Princes Quay bridge

All foundations in the marina have been successfully installed and concrete capping work for the pre-cast concrete jetty foundations will happen soon. We're now installing draining and cabling.

Community engagement

We've been working with local charities to provide help where we can. During Easter we delivered Easter eggs to a local foster home and to the charity Sailors Children. Wendy Fish who works at Sailors Children said: "Please pass on our grateful thanks to everyone for their generous support in our work caring for seafarer's children".

Charity Hull Homeless has also received our support and we've offered some storage space at our site office where they can store white goods and furniture. This close relationships with Hull Homeless means that we've also been able to offer a job to one of their recently re-homed clients. And, some of our team went a step further with this by taking part in the Hull 10k marathon at the end of June. We raised almost £1,000 to donate to Hull Homeless.



The team at Victoria Dock Community Centre

shrubs and plants and replacing them with low maintenance grass. As a thank you for all the hard work we provided a barbeque lunch.

There's lots more planned in the community over the summer months and we'd love to hear how we can help you with small community projects or volunteering days. Please email jade.pettit@interserve.com with your ideas.

Considerate constructors

Most major road projects now sign up to the considerate constructors scheme, which sees projects scored on community engagement, safety, environmental, valuing the workforce and site appearance. We had our first visit by inspectors in March and were really pleased with our initial score — we're aiming high on this project and hope that all our community work will see us going for gold at the end of the project.

Scheme fences

You might have now seen our site fences at Princes Quay bridge. We worked with Adelaide Primary and Victoria Dock Primary to get some of the fences around the marina decorated with Hull related art work.



Before



After

Our work with other community projects includes a volunteer day at Victoria Dock community centre who have taken over the maintenance of their centre from the council. Volunteers from Highways England and Interserve spent a day at the community centre removing the expensive and hard to maintain

Designated funds

What are designated funds?

As part of the money available to us to improve roads, we've been given funds to improve the surroundings of the strategic road network.

The designated funds programme is formed of five funds:

- Air quality
- Cycling, safety and integration
- Innovation
- Environment
- Growth and housing

These funds enable us to provide environmental, social and economic benefits to the people, communities and businesses who live and work alongside the strategic road network.

Hull Minster

Highways England recently contributed a £3.9m grant to make Hull Minster a hub for city's history, heritage and community.

This environment designated fund safeguards the Minster's heritage for future generations and creates a sustainable future for the church as a magnificent place of worship, focal point for the community and magnet for visitors.



Artists impression of the new extension at Hull Minster

The funds were announced at a special event at the Minster in March and the work has now started to restore the Minster to its full potential. The grant is linked to the proposed A63 Castle Street scheme, which passes just 100 metres from the church.

Many major improvements, including a glass, bronze and stone extension which will house a visitor and heritage centre with exhibition spaces, a café and other new visitor facilities will be included.

Highways England senior project manager **James Leeming** said:

"It's a real pleasure to support an iconic venue like Hull Minster as part of our important work in the city.

"Our designated funds programme empowers us to invest in projects beyond our traditional schemes. The grant for Hull Minster will transform the church in the short term and build a brighter future in the long term."

South Blockhouse

We recently funded an archaeological dig of the South Blockhouse near The Deep.



Archology at South blockhouse, funded through our designated funds

The dig ran for six weeks and assessed the condition of the remains of the building to see if it is possible to display the building permanently. The building was built by order of Henry VIII and was the only fortification he built outside of the South West.

Archaeology

In March 2019 we carried out an archaeological dig in an attempt to find remains of Hull's old city walls. It's thought that the walls ran along Humber Dock Street and were demolished in the 1860s to make way for the docks. Unfortunately, we didn't find any evidence of the walls, but we did manage to learn that the docks were built using large amounts of clay to seal in the water.



The archaeology dig at Princes Quay

Find out more

You can find out more about the scheme by visiting.



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