

Princes Quay Bridge Spring newsletter 2020



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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 –

We plan, build, operate and maintain England's strategic road network. Our mission is to connect the country and we make these connections across our seven regions.

A 650 mile network of roads sits at the heart of the transport network in Yorkshire and the North East – creating connections and bringing opportunities for our region to thrive.

This includes the A63 through Hull where we're building a landmark bridge from Princes Dock to Humber Dock. The bridge will be fully accessible for pedestrians, cyclists and disabled people, helping them to cross the A63 safely.

Naming competition

The bridge is now in place and we've been running a competition to come up with a name.

We approached local secondary schools with the exciting opportunity to come up with that name and received over 100 essays from both Newland School for Girls and Archbishop Sentamu Academy.

We set them an essay title of 'The naming of the bridge – Who inspires me and why?' and we were really impressed by the calibre of the entries.

Our judging panel made up of Emma Hardy MP, deputy leader of the Labour group Councillor Daren Hale, CEO of The Deep Katy Duke, Humber LEP investment programme manager Karen Oliver-Spry and members of the internal Highways England project team really struggled to narrow the list down to five.

The shortlist included World War Two veteran Thomas Ransom, Dr Mary Murdoch who was Hull's first female GP, 'headscarf revolutionary' Lillian Bilocca, philanthropist and abolitionist William Wilberforce and Julia Lee, the first woman to officiate men's rugby league games in the United Kingdom.

A public vote which lasted three weeks has now closed with more than 55,000 votes being cast. The judging panel will now work with the winner and their school to finalise a name for the bridge based on the winning theme chosen for by you.



We expect to open to the public in summer.

Project update

Back in November we successfully moved the bridge into place. This meant we had to close the A63 for a full weekend and we'd like to thank you for your support and patience during this time.

We managed to open the road 16 hours ahead of schedule - which was no mean feat. And we received no complaints.

We're making good progress on site, the stairs have recently been installed and the decking on the south side of the marina is nearly finished.

In the next few months the north and south steel sections of the ramp will be lifted into place overnight and 90 tonnes of concrete will be poured on the deck.

We're going to be opening the bridge though slightly later than planned. This is due to the delay in deliveries from China following the Covid-19 outbreak which has meant we needed to switch granite suppliers to a company in Portugal.



This change will ensure that the materials we need to complete the bridge arrive in time for us to open it to the public in summer.

The bridge, which has received a funding contribution of £4 million by the Humber Local Enterprise Partnership, is the first phase of the A63 Castle Street improvement scheme and will create better pedestrian links in Hull city centre.

Working with schools

We've been visiting various schools over the last few months including Tweendykes, Kelvin Hall, Archbishop Sentamu Academy and Newland School for Girls.

From presenting at assemblies, attending business breakfasts, building bridges out of marshmallows and spaghetti as well as inviting some of them to site. We're also keen to encourage careers in construction across Hull. If you know anyone that would be interested in hearing about our scheme then please get in touch. We're always ready and willing to give advice on apprenticeships and careers and with an ongoing skills shortage in the construction industry, we need the next generation to get involved.



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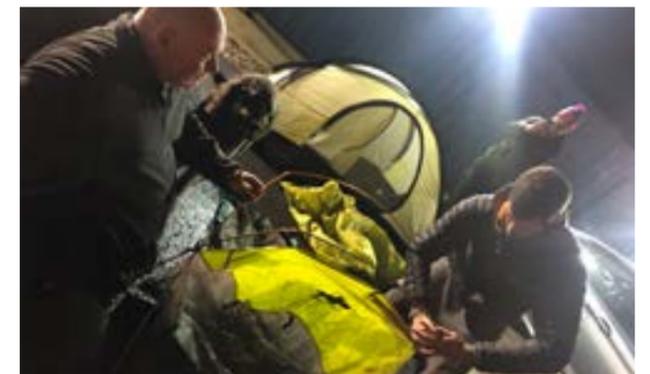


The project team visit Newland School for Girls

Charity update

We have been working closely with Hull Homeless Community Project since our arrival on site 18 months ago and we've raised in excess of £12,000 for the charity.

We ran the Hull 10k and held a charity ball, a corporate charity sports day and a sponsored sleep out. This saw five of our staff sleeping out in the car park on the wettest day of the year.



The project team, David Fielder, Jade Pettit, Ross Bellingham and James Leeming

We did have lots more planned but as a result of Covid-19 these have all unfortunately been cancelled.

Roger Millward Way

Since our last newsletter we've completed Roger Millward Way roundabout (formerly known as Garrison Road). The existing junction has been improved with a 'hamburger' design, which provides a new road running through the middle of the roundabout creating the burger shape.

This will ease congestion and improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

This scheme was carried out jointly with the bridge to minimise disruption for residents.



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