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South Bristol Link (SBL) Road 'Santa' Celebration of Cycling

Would you and your family and friends like to help break a world record? On Sunday, 18th December we are going to hold a Santa Family Cycle Fun Ride and attempt to beat the existing total of 300 cycling Santas currently held by Rome. In conjunction with Bristol City Council and North Somerset Councils Sustainable Travel and Road Safety Officers we are celebrating the extended cycle path along the SBL. Bristol is a big cycling city and we are confident we can beat this record.



The plan is to assemble all 'Santas' in the Reserve Corridor, next door to the Gatehouse Centre which has kindly offered its car park for the day. The cycle ride will start at 11am. The route will use unopened sections of the SBL, King Georges Road, Highridge Green and follow the SBL onto Festival Way and then into Ashton Court where children will see the deer fed by Santa and cyclists can enjoy seasonal refreshments. We will even have a Welsh Male Voice Choir singing carols! **The SBL will open to traffic by the end of 2016.** Online registration will be available to join this **FREE event** contact Better by Bike www.betterbybike.info/santacycleride (still under construction at time of printing this newsletter). Further information will be publicised on this website in due course.

Security is Key

Our equipment can be a target for thieves and vandals, therefore it is important it is protected. We employ a local security company who monitor our equipment within compounds 24/7 with live feed CCTV to their monitoring centre. All our equipment is serialised and contains tracking equipment. Please contact the Police if you see any suspicious activity around our works compounds.

Works Update

Withywood Park – Work continues on placing an Attenuation Tank within the lower section of the park. The piping and drainage from the park is complete and through October work will commence digging holes for the Tank.

Whitland Road – Two Attenuation Basins are being landscaped near the Cater Road Roundabout. These are shallow ditches that will capture excess rainwater before it is drained away. Unobtrusive fencing and shrubs will be added.

Hareclive Road Junction – We will be working at night for resurfacing of this junction from Monday, 10th to Friday, 15th October inclusively from 8pm until 6am. Three -way traffic lights will be in operation during these hours and through the day to protect open roadworks.

Highridge Green and Road – The works near completion in this area with the cycle/footpath being finished. On 3rd October we commence widening and realignment of the kerb from Highridge Green into Highridge Road for 4 to 6 weeks. Temporary traffic lights will re-appear to control traffic flow.

King Georges Road – From 10th October Western Power will be working on the street lighting in the road. Work will continue on finishing the road with footpaths and landscaping.

A38 Roundabout – We have flipped the traffic onto the new section of road on the north side of the roundabout whilst we complete the remainder.

A370 works area – The railway bridge has been handed over to Griffiths by the Network Rail Contractor so work commences to build the SBL underneath. Surfacing work will begin soon on the A.370 roundabout with night works. Letters will be distributed to local residents of Long Aston and signage on the carriageway will alert of times and dates.

Aerial Photos - 28th August 2016

Right and below Right– The A38 Roundabout takes shape with ancient Lime Kilns to be a centre feature of the roundabout being carefully restored.

Below – The Reserve Corridor joining Hareclive Road to Queens Road on the SBL will have three crossing points (one signalised) and footpaths / cycle paths. It is to be named **Anton Bantock Way** after a respected local teacher. A 30mph speed limit will be along the SBL changing to 40mph as the road enters Highridge Common to the A38 and A370.



The Historic Lime Kilns on the A38 – to be named ‘Lime Kiln Roundabout’

As a consequence of the extensive groundwork around the new A38 roundabout three lime kilns were uncovered amidst tons of vegetation. It is thought they fell out of use during the 1930’s and as they went out of sight they went out of mind.

Careful consideration has been given to the historic lime kilns and a detailed programme of work and restoration is ongoing to protect them and keep them as a central feature on the roundabout signifying part of Bristol’s rich industrial heritage. The lime kilns produced lime for improving soil quality and lime mortar for the construction industry. Throughout the work Griffiths are consulting with a conservation expert who will be inspecting work including repointing, drainage and discreet security fencing. A noticeboard will also be provided on the nearby footpath giving more details of the history and works on completion.

Public Drop-In Sessions

Join us and meet the Griffiths Team in the last remaining sessions before the SBL opens. Get the latest information on how the scheme is progressing, what to expect in the coming weeks and raise any questions or concerns you may have.

We will have the latest plans and aerial photos on display.

Highridge Forum Surgery

Cutler Road Community Centre

Thursday, 3rd November at 10.00am

Thursday, 1st December at 6.30pm

Thursday, 5th January at 10.00am

Thursday, 2nd February at 6.30pm

Thursday, 2nd March at 10.00am

For more information about the South Bristol Link please visit community.alungriffiths.co.uk

If you have any feedback regarding our works we’d like to hear from you! Please contact Public Liaison Officer Jim Aitken directly on 0845 862 2327* during normal working hours, or email metrobus@alungriffiths.co.uk

* Calls cost 2p per minute plus your network provider’s access charge