

Yeovil Western Corridor Improvements Project Bulletin 6 – May 2018

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Progress

Carriageway widening and improvements to the Crematorium main entrance are underway and the final tarmac coat is due to be laid in the coming weeks. We thank staff at the Crematorium for their assistance in accommodating this work.

Cables are being laid at the Bluebell roundabout in preparation for the installation of traffic lights and associated CCTV.

At the Bluebell roundabout, kerbs are being installed to create three pedestrian islands on the two approaches in Bunford Road and one in Bluebell Road. The small crossing at the top of the driveway to Palmers will not change. The new crossing islands will have safety railings and push button light control, making the crossing points around the roundabout much safer for pedestrians. The upgraded pedestrian / cycleway between the Bluebell roundabout and the Crematorium entrance is being formed.

Preliminary designs for the new retaining walls at Preston Road / Western Avenue and Lufton Way are with the Council for approval.

Upcoming Works

Road widening is due to commence on Preston Road between the ASDA entrance and the Preston Road roundabout. The permanent traffic lights will be taken out of use until this work is completed. We know from public feedback that temporary traffic lights are not always popular. We are therefore trialling a mini-roundabout in Preston Road at the main entrance to ASDA, commencing on 21st May. If successful the mini roundabout will remain in place whilst the road widening and retaining wall construction take place. If this arrangement is unsuccessful we will revert to the use of temporary traffic lights.

A temporary path is being constructed on the south side of ASDA in Preston Road to accommodate pedestrians, when the current pedestrian crossing is taken out of use. A new temporary crossing point will be put in place slightly further down the road near St James' Close.

Siemens ITS has been awarded the contract to supply, test and commission traffic signals and CCTV equipment for the YWC scheme.

Permanent traffic lights at the two Stourton Way pedestrian / cycle crossings will be installed shortly, commencing with the Southern crossing near Long Mead. A temporary pedestrian diversion has been put in place whilst work is undertaken.

Drainage work along Bunford Lane beside the Westlands / Leonardo's airfield will recommence once the existing street lighting is removed. Temporary lights will be installed along the footpath until new lighting is installed. Drainage work along the left side of the A3088 towards Cartgate is continuing.



Want to get in touch?

Your dedicated Public Liaison Officer for the Yeovil Western Corridor Improvements works is Rosemarie Harrod. She can be contacted by

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Upcoming Works cont'd....

During the next two weeks carriageway widening will commence in Watercombe Lane and along the Western Relief Road towards the Westlands roundabout. Every effort will be made to retain as many daffodil bulbs as possible in the remaining verges. We would like to thank the South Somerset District Council 'Street Scene' and Yeovil in bloom teams for their advice in relation to the recovery and re-planting of bulbs.



Community Engagement



Our Health and Safety mascot Sally Safesteps recently visited St Michaels Yeovil, Cub Scouts and over 400 pupils at the Preston Church of England Primary School. The children really enjoyed interacting with Sally, who was very impressed with how the youngsters engaged with the safety presentation. The children received a stay safe sticker as a souvenir of Sally's visit.

If your school or community group would like a visit from Sally, please contact our public liaison officer Rosemarie Harrod whose details can be found on the front page.

Pictured left: St Michaels' cub scouts Yeovil with Sally Safesteps

Higher Ream Children's Playground

Our site staff carried out preparatory groundworks for improvements to the Higher Ream children's playground. The Parish Council sent the following message:

'Brympton PC is extremely grateful to Griffiths for their goodwill gesture of assisting with the improvements to the Higher Ream play area. They have been exceptional in accommodating the Parish Council's requirements and nothing has been too much trouble. Their staff are unfailingly courteous and their work has been invaluable'.



Work at the Higher Ream Playground, Abbey Manor

First on scene again, our staff assisted a motorist whose car caught fire along the A3088 Cartgate link road. They controlled traffic until the emergency services arrived. This is the fourth incident in two months where our staff have been able to assist.



Budding Engineers of the Future

Griffiths is committed to inspiring the next generation of civil engineers. Our Public Liaison Officer (PLO) based in Yeovil, recently attended a Westcountry event where youngsters could get 'hands on', building a 15 metre long, model cable-stayed bridge (the same design as the second Severn crossing). About 120 pupils attended the event which was co-hosted by STEM Learning and the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE).

STEM learning is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines – science, technology, engineering and mathematics – in an interdisciplinary and applied approach.



PLO Rosemarie Harrod with budding engineers, building a model of a cable stayed bridge at a recent West Country event.

We would be pleased to hear your comments. You can get in touch via our web site community.alungriffiths.co.uk or by contacting your Public Liaison Officer on 0330 041 2184* or Yeovil@alungriffiths.co.uk

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