

Yeovil Western Corridor Improvements

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Progress

Earthworks including the installation of drainage is well underway between Watercombe Lane and the A3088 in the area of the Westlands roundabout. This preparatory phase will underpin the creation of an additional carriageway.

Drainage, ducting and earthworks are ongoing beside the footpath at the top of the Leonardo (Westlands) Airfield in Bunford Lane.

Bluebell Roundabout is nearing completion. Traffic lights on the newly installed pedestrian crossings will be commissioned before the end of July and ongoing finishing works, such as pedestrian barriers and signage, will be completed.

Cycle/footpath widening, including preparation for an earth retention system is well underway along the ASDA boundary in Preston Road. The extra space gained for the widening work has enabled our staff to work without impeding traffic flow. Pedestrians have been diverted along the adjacent side of Preston Road.

The cycle/footpath through the Abbey Manor Estate is behind schedule due to cabling problems which are outside of our control. This means the reinstatement of the grassed areas will now take place in the Autumn. Apologies to local residents who we know are eager to see the grassed verges reinstated.

Two new pedestrian/cycle crossing points in Stourton Way are due to be commissioned in the next few weeks.

Junction realignment and signal installation work has commenced at Copse Road/Western Avenue and drainage work there is nearing completion.

Upcoming Works – Carriageway Closure

A new cycleway and retaining wall are being constructed along Western Avenue and Lufton Way with work starting in Lufton Way on 9th July. Work will be carried out in stages to minimise disruption and will mean that short sections of Western Avenue and Lufton Way will be closed in one direction only to carry out improvement works. Diversion routes will be signposted and we will aim to keep you up to date when traffic management changes.

The first phase requires the closure of the eastbound carriageway in Lufton Way between Preston Road (behind the crematorium) and the ASDA Roundabout. Traffic will be able to enter Lufton Way at the ASDA / Preston Road Roundabout. Traffic will not be able to access the Preston Road / ASDA Roundabout from Lufton Way and will instead be diverted via Copse Road to join Western Avenue and access to the Preston Road / ASDA Roundabout. We have arranged for temporary traffic lights to be on standby in case of any issues with traffic flow on the Copse Road / Western Avenue junction. Pedestrians will be able to access Western Avenue via a temporary walkway. This first phase is expected to take approximately 7 weeks.

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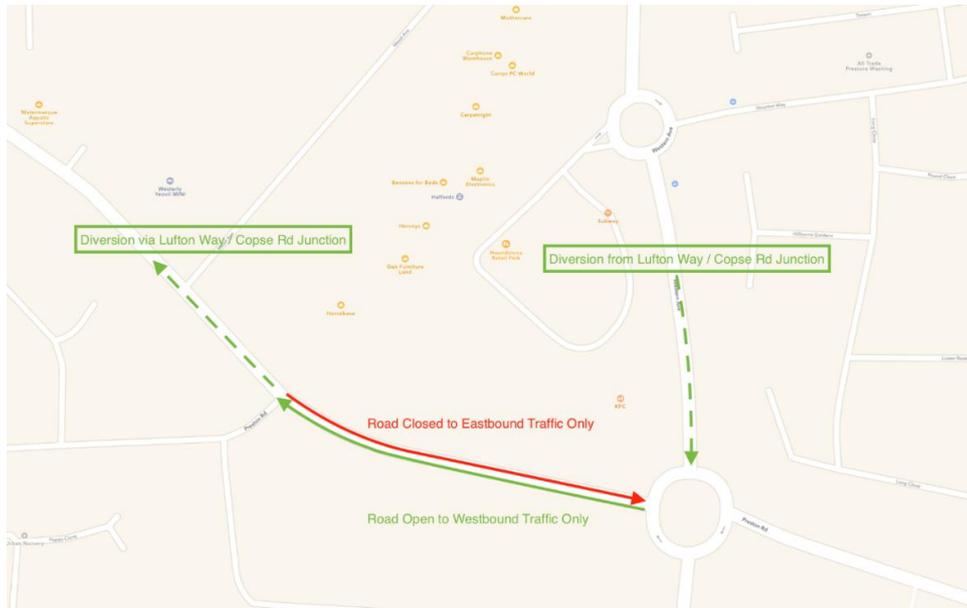
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Upcoming Works Carriageway Closure cont'd....



Traffic Plan for Phase 1

Once this section of the wall is complete and Lufton Way has reopened, work to construct the retaining wall on Western Avenue is scheduled to commence.

During this period Western Avenue will be closed in a southbound direction between Houndstone Roundabout and Preston Road Roundabout. The diversion route for southbound traffic will be via Lufton Way. This phase is also expected to take 7 weeks and further information will be provided in due course.

Community Engagement

Radio Ninesprings

Radio Ninesprings 104.5 FM – Yeovil’s soon to launch new community radio station – now has an FM transmitter that is operational.

When the radio station put its antenna on the top of the east floodlight pylon at Yeovil Town’s Huish Park ground they didn’t consider how the antenna cable would connect to the transmitter box below.

At first, the vital cabling link was left exposed running on rough ground between the base of the pylon and the transmitter box some six metres away.

Griffiths staff working on the Yeovil Western Corridor scheme stepped-in and a rescue plan was hatched to solve the problem!

A two-foot deep trench was dug linking the base of the pylon with the transmitter box and the cable sunk into the ground to make a connection that was secure and tamper-proof.

Station Manager of Radio Ninesprings Steve Haigh said: “We’re grateful to Griffiths for solving this issue. Thanks to them we have a secure connection between our antenna on the floodlight pylon and FM transmitter box below. In footballing terms, Griffiths has done a Premier League job and we can move forward with our plans to turn on the transmitter full time in September”.

Griffiths are pleased to have been able to make this good-will gesture and offer our best wishes to Radio Ninesprings 104.5 FM for their launch in September.



Steve Haigh of Yeovil Community Radio Station with staff from Griffiths undertaking cable ducting work at Yeovil Town Football Club

Sally Delivers Important Health & Safety Message

Sally Safesteps, Griffiths' Health and Safety mascot, has once again been visiting local school children. This time it was the turn of Huish Primary School.

The children were very attentive and responsive and all received a Sally Safesteps sticker in recognition of their excellent participation.

Pictured right Children from Huish Primary School with Sally Safesteps



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As a contractor registered with the scheme we seek to make continuous improvements. One way we do that is to seek feedback from members of the public.

Everyone on the mailing list for our newsletters was recently invited to complete a Considerate Constructors Survey. We are grateful to those of you who found the time to complete and return it.

We asked what we are doing particularly well. The key themes were that our communication is good and there has been little disruption to traffic.

Comments about what we should focus on improving had no key themes and ranged from arc lights at the Bluebell Roundabout being too bright to concerns about the proximity of traffic to our operatives.

Where scoring was involved, high marks were achieved for keeping people informed and the personal appearance, courteous behaviour and approachability of our staff. Impact on traffic flows was rated as fairly good and only just over half of all respondents recognised the Considerate Constructors logo.

It was heartening to know that most of you value our newsletters and particularly satisfying that all respondents said that overall, they are satisfied with how we are delivering the scheme.

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

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