

# Yeovil Western Corridor Improvements Project Bulletin: November 2018

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## Progress

Resurfacing work along the A3088 Western Relief Road was completed on schedule. The second phase of night closures between the Westlands and Bluebell Roundabouts was also completed ahead of programme.

Work on phase three of night closures between Laburnum Way and the Lysander Roundabout has also been completed ahead of schedule. This allowed us to use available resources to further accelerate our programme and commence work at the Copse Road / Western Avenue junction. These works were to remove the old road surface, lay a new surface and install ducting for traffic lights.

Final surfacing has been completed on the Westlands Roundabout and works are ongoing to complete road markings and traffic signals.

The retaining wall around the Houndstone Business Park in Western Avenue has been completed and work has started on soil stabilisation along with block retaining walls on the ASDA side of the Preston Road Roundabout.

On 5<sup>th</sup> November a one-way system was reinstated in Lufton Way with a signed diversion route via Copse Road, enabling drainage work and road construction to be undertaken. We apologise for the disruption this work is causing and will endeavour to complete work in this area as quickly as possible.

Night-work during October and November was completed by several teams of Griffiths operatives who laid approximately 6,000 tonnes of asphalt with minimum impact on road users. There are about 80 staff working on the Yeovil Western Corridor Scheme at any one time, in a variety of roles, including lighting systems, engineering, groundwork, builders, surfacing gangs and administrative roles.



*New filter lane at Watercombe Lane/Lysander Junction*

## Upcoming Works

The main focus of work during December will be to install and commission traffic signals at the Lysander Road / Watercombe Lane junction. This will see the final transformation of the Lysander Roundabout into a four-way light-controlled junction.

Site wide new road lighting is well underway along with the installation of new road signage.



*The transformation of the Lysander Roundabout to a signal-controlled junction nears completion*



## 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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[community.alungriffiths.co.uk](http://community.alungriffiths.co.uk)

Scan the QR Code to visit the Yeovil Western Corridor Improvements community web site



Griffiths collaborated with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Yeovil Job Centre staff to stage an employment event for 'Construction Month' which falls in November. DWP work coaches met with site Foreman Chris Bunce to explore work opportunities and better understand what is required for prospective employees within the civil engineering and construction industry.

*Pictured right: Griffiths Foreman Chris Bunce (rear row second from left) hosted a site visit for staff from Yeovil Job Centre to promote 'Construction Month'*



## Considerate Constructors Scheme

We are delighted to announce that staff on the Yeovil Western Corridor Scheme have been awarded a Considerate Constructors Scheme Certificate for performance beyond compliance. Site staff demonstrated their commitment to continuous improvement achieving 'Exceptional and Excellent' scores in every category. The report stated: 'This report highlights Griffiths' continuing desire to demonstrate from the outset that they endeavour to ensure that their works have as low an impact as is reasonable on the surrounding environment and local population.'



## Public Information Centre Change of opening times

From Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December we will be changing the opening times of our Public Information Centre as follows:

**Tuesdays 13.30-14.30**

We will be closed for Christmas from 18<sup>th</sup> December to 8<sup>th</sup> January inclusive.

The information centre is located by the main gates into Palmers Garden Centre in Yeovil.



## Thank you for your Patience

Following a live broadcast from Yeovil in November, BBC Radio Somerset presenters Claire Carter and Luke Knight nick-named the Westlands Roundabout 'Coney Island' in their traffic bulletins. This inspired site staff to give up their own time to create a festive structure they hope will bring a smile to passers-by.

Thank you to everyone affected by the road works for your patience. We are working hard to keep any disruption to a minimum.

We would be pleased to hear your comments. You can get in touch via our web site [community.alungriffiths.co.uk](http://community.alungriffiths.co.uk) or by contacting Rosemarie Harrod on 0330 041 2184\* or [Yeovil@alungriffiths.co.uk](mailto:Yeovil@alungriffiths.co.uk)

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