Newsletter – April 2024

North Devon Link Road – A361





Project Overview

The North Devon Link Road project will deliver a carriageway improvement for increased capacity and safety along a 5 mile section between Landkey Junction & Filleigh Cutting.

The whole route will be treated with a new asphalt surface & include wider three lane sections. This will greatly improve overtaking opportunities, safety & network resilience.

The road capacity & four key junctions on the A361 will be upgraded at Borners Bridge, Hacche Lane, West Buckland & Landkey, where a three-arm roundabout will be created with capacity for a fourth arm to access the proposed Westacott Development.

The project includes a pedestrian & cycle overbridge at Landkey Junction that will connect to the new development area.

The project will boost the local economy by supporting plans for 6,700 new homes in the region, making it easier for people to access job opportunities & for businesses to get around.

The project once completed will not only benefit regional travel, but it is also expected to increase crosscountry connectivity by improving people's ability to travel into & out of this area of North Devon.

Celebrating Success

Some of the amazing milestones Griffiths have reached recently during the project



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NORTH DEVON LINK ROAD - PROJECT UPDATE - MARCH 2024

During February and March there has been great progress on all sections of the North Devon Link Road as we head towards completion in Summer 2024. You will have seen increased surfacing works, a change at Borners Bridge and continued works at Landkey Footbridge and West Buckland Bridge.

We have continued to increase the number of overnight closures and this will remain the case for remainder of the works to speed up the project. This is to accommodate the surfacing works which require working immediately alongside the running lanes.

Despite the challenges that the weather has provided we have made excellent progress with the waterproofing of the 5 major structures on the North Devon Link Road.

The traffic lights have been removed on 21st March 2024. The average wait time for the duration of their implementation being 5 to 6 minutes. A big thank you to everyone for your patience whilst these essential works were taking place.

Further works taking place in the next period include:

- Surfacing is being completed between River Landkey and Yarnacott Bridge, starting mid April. Final surfacing from Portmore Roundabout to the new to Landkey Roundabout will follow shortly afterwards in May
- The installation of Landkey Footbridge is planned to start in mid May and will take 3 weeks to complete.
- There will be a new road layout and traffic switch from Swimbridge to West Buckland to enable deep drainage works to take place on the North Verge in early May
- Starting in early April the north spur road to West Buckland will be closed for essential works and shaping of the junction. This is scheduled to coincide with the school holiday to minimise the impact on West Buckland School.
- West Buckland bridge walls on approaches taking shape and waterproofing works will complete throughout April.
- Borners Bridge junction has continued with a new temporary alignment due for implementation. There will be night time closures to build the road level alignment. You will see a lot of changes here over the next two months as we work to complete the new alignment. We would advise motorists caution in this area as road layouts will change frequently due to the complex nature of the road construction.

As we progress towards the Summer we will be focusing on bringing all areas of the project up to final surface course, this will address the current poor surfacing condition and provide the road with a new life span. Whilst final surfacing works are taking place on the North Devon Link we will also be installing Parapet Beams across both sides of West Buckland Bridge to enable final road construction across, this will facilitate the final finishing works beneath the new bridge.

A big thank you to the local communities for their enduring patience and support.

Kind regards The NDLR Team





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ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE 2024



Hibernaculum in progress.

A Hibernaculum is an area created to maximise biodiversity and be left aldnel As many habitat niches as possible are provided. Darkness, dappled shade, sun, wet, dry, damp, dead wood, rotting wood, fresh wood, green growth, nectar, pollen, underground and overground spaces. These varied habitats will be mostly unseen, buried beneath soil and woodchip. We have even used leftover plastic drainage pipe and broken concrete blocks. The hibernaculum will attract more and more wildlife to exploit these niches. And best of all, we won't really know much about it. We have done this on other areas of the site and the only clue to the success of the projects has been the eventual arrival of kestrels overhead and amphibians hopping in and out. Imagine the ecosystem beneath! We are grateful to various local tree surgeons and the road builders widening the A361 for giving us the opportunity to make use of so many tree stumps.



HIBERNACULARS MADE TREE FROM **STUMPS**

Griffiths recently donated several tree stumps from the project to Quince Honey Farm in South Molton and it is amazing to see what Quince have done with them and the wildlife using the hibernaculas!







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Landkey Roundabout

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Saturday 7am to 4pm (These hours are subject to change)

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