

**North Devon Link Road – A361**



West Buckland Bridge Structure

**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 project also include junction improvements at Landkey, Hacche Lane & Borners Bridge.

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 cross-country 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 during the project

**GOOD PROGRESS  
MAIN CARRIAGEWAY &  
ROUNDBOUT  
SURFACING**

**1/4 MILLION HOURS  
WORKED OF  
NO-LOST-TIME  
ACCIDENTS**

**MISSION UNBREAKABLE –  
THE GRIFFITHS TEAM  
COMPLETED THE  
COMMANDO COURSE  
IN 2 & 1/2 HRS**

**FIRST STAGE OF  
WEST BUCKLAND  
BRIDGE LIFT  
COMPLETE**

**SPONSORSHIP OF SANTA’S  
ON A BIKE FOR  
CHILDREN’S HOSPICE  
SOUTH-WEST**

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CONSTRUCTOR VISIT 2023:  
100% SCORE & 1 BEST  
PRACTICE AWARDED**



### PROJECT UPDATE - DECEMBER 2023

Despite the near constant poor weather so far this Autumn / Winter the project has progressed generally quite well, and we are finally nearing the completion of the design development for the scheme.

The construction of the works will be very much more apparent and visible to the wider public as works progress on the finishing levels while passing through the works.

Work between Portmore and Landkey has seen the completion of drainage and attenuation works along with the placement of materials for the bunding,

Work between Landkey and Yarnacott Bridge has seen the traffic switch from North to South, this follows extensive surfacing works and the introduction of the additional Northern carriageway for Eastern traffic flow, thereby providing access for the southern drainage works to commence in January 2024.

Work between Yarnacott Bridge and West Buckland Junction has seen all of the drainage attenuation works completing, with earthworks and development of the additional Southern carriageway for West Flow traffic well in advance now. The new complex Bridge structure feature has now seen the completion of the main span reinforced concrete Stems along with the precast Bebo Arches installed, with the works to construct the main bridge walls commencing in January 2024. From West Buckland Junction to Park lane Overbridge Filliegh, works have seen extensive sub-drainage works completed which were extremely challenging and complex, this now opens this section up to fully complete the Southern additional Carriageway by March 2024

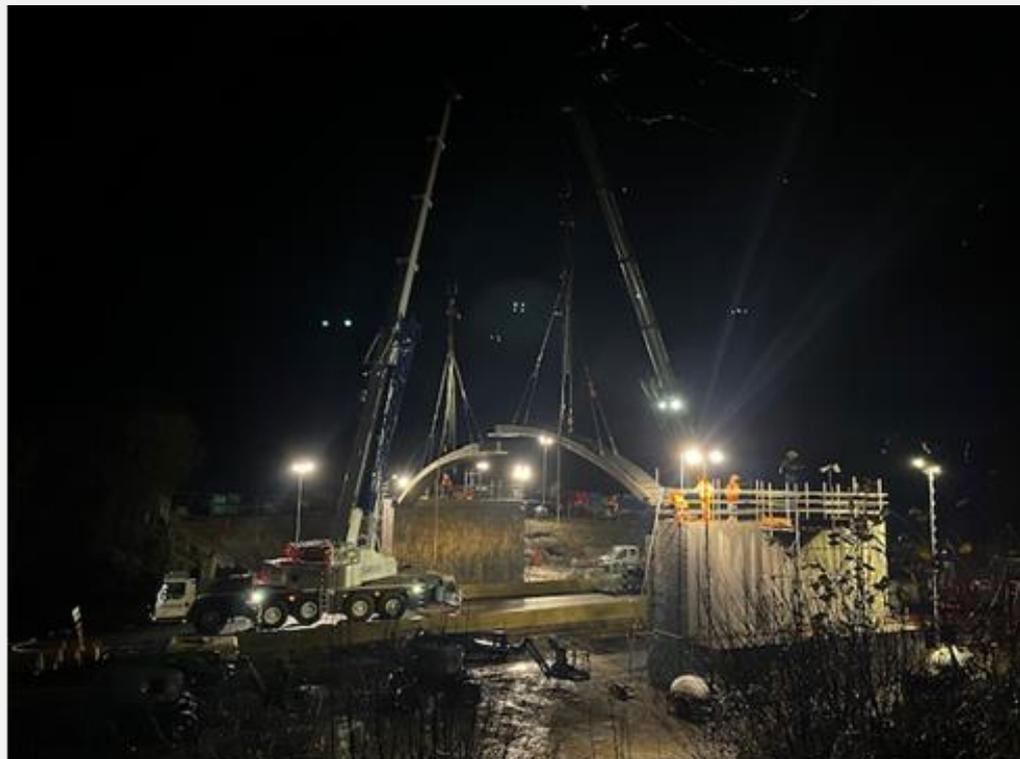
Borners Bridge junction has required additional carriageway support along the South Western quadrant for which steel sheet piles have been installed with capping works continuing in the New Year, we will see extensive resurfacing operation at night in the New Year to conclude the works around the end of March 2024.

The site in general although battered and bruised by the weather systems this Autumn is now primed for a noticeable rate of completed works and sections in the New Year. Works will continue to concentrate on night time operations with the A361 maintained in both directions during the day time to minimise disruption to the public, albeit with some periods of traffic light restrictions. With beneficial completed usage for the commuters and local residents around a month in advance of proposed road safety audits that will provide a final check on completed works.

A big thankyou to all the NDLR team for their hard work this Year and the enduring patience and support from communities without whom this would not be possible.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Hedley



**West Buckland Bridge – Bebo Arch Lift.**



## STRUCTURES UPDATE 2023



Work has started on the Landkey Footbridge foundations adjacent to the new roundabout, and large amounts of drainage and resurfacing works have been completed at the eastern end of the scheme between Landkey and Yarnacott. These have been aided by night closures that allow the team safe access to the carriageway.

The construction of West Buckland Bridge ( picture left) is underway, with the abutments now being formed and the arch structure lifted into position. It should be noted that the 'stone finish' to this structure has be moulded from the existing Bray Valley Viaduct columns to be in keeping with the area.

Major works to the south and east sides of Borners Bridge Roundabout have been undertaken, including a large sheet piled retaining wall, drainage, kerbing and earthworks. Soon, the street lighting will be installed on this side and then the works will switch over to focus on the northern of the roundabout.

Throughout the scheme, existing bridges have undergone maintenance and remediation works to increase the longevity and resistance of the route. This has included re-waterproofing which was only made possible by the one-way system that was in place during November.

Remediation works to the watercourses near to the scheme has been undertaken at River Landkey and a stream near to Harford Cross. These are to prevent erosion to the streams.

## ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE 2023



### DORMICE

During early summer and autumn this year ecologists monitored the dormouse boxes that were installed along the scheme. They were pleased to see that they are already being occupied by dormice including a couple of breeding nests (see photo).The ecologists will continue to monitor protected species in the retained vegetation and mitigation areas during construction and after construction for at least 5 years, ensuring that the local wildlife becomes well established in their new surroundings.



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**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
&  
A HAPPY NEW  
YEAR**

**FROM ALL AT  
ALUN GRIFFITHS**

*&*

**THE NORTH DEVON  
LINK ROAD TEAM**



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Landkey Roundabout



West Buckland



Borners Bridge,  
South Molton

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### Current Working Hours

Monday to Friday  
7am to 5pm

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7am to 4pm

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