

A585

Windy Harbour to Skippool

November 2021



Welcome to the latest edition of the A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool project newsletter, keeping you up to date with the latest progress and information. This year has really flown by, and it's great to see our construction work progressing so well.

We'd like to say a big thank you to our team who worked extremely hard to complete work at Skippool Road, and remove the closure in advance of the six-week time frame. In addition to diverting the water main, we were able to complete other construction activities within the closure. This included installing new drainage and realigning the kerbs, which will help progress the overall programme. We'd also like to thank you for your patience during this time.

Christmas shut down

As we approach Christmas, we'll be finishing off as much work as possible before closing site for the festive period. Our sites will close from Friday 24 December, before returning on Tuesday 4 January 2022. If you have any enquiries during this period, please contact our 24-hour Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000. We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you enjoy spending time with your loved ones.





Scheme update

Lodge Lane

We've recently started rotary bored piling to build support walls for the new bridge. Rotary bored piling is less disruptive compared to other types of piling, as holes are drilled and rotated in the ground. These are then filled with reinforced steel and concrete, which will support surrounding structures.

Old Mains Lane

We've finished installing the piling, which is needed to build a stable foundation for future construction activity. Work to install new drainage and constructing the new bridge running over Main Dyke has also started. The second set of pedestrian lights near the garage have been removed, and the north footpath providing pedestrian access to Old Mains Lane has re-opened.



Garstang Road East

We continue to transport ground material from surrounding fields to build the new bypass. The two-way traffic lights will remain in place to help construction vehicles cross the road safely.

Garstang New Road

Peat has been removed from the field next to Garstang New Road and replaced with recycled stone to form the base of the new road towards Windy Harbour.

Skippool junction

Following the removal of the Skippool Road closure, we're now working in the verge area heading towards Old Mains Lane and along Amounderness Way. This work includes diverting utility services, installing new drainage, and realigning the road layout.



Guide wall being installed at Lodge Lane



Return to Streetlife

Further to our visit over the Easter break, we returned to local charity Streetlife. We delivered a hamper of food and small item donations to support their appeal. All food and clothing donations go towards parcels made for young people who need support and access to this service.

Streetlife volunteer coordinator, Julie Foden said: *"I'd just like to say a big thank you to the A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool team for organising the food donation and for taking the time to deliver the hamper. We're really grateful and the donations will go a long way to helping people who use our service."*

Considerate Constructors

The project has achieved 'exceptional performance' and 'Ultra-Site' status in our first Considerate Constructors audit, scoring a fantastic 45 out of 50. Considerate Constructors is an independent organisation founded by the construction industry to improve its image. Projects are scored on appearance, community, environment, safety and workforce.

Ultra-Sites status is achieved by actively seeking to improve not only their own performance but that of the wider construction industry, particularly through the supply chain. We were commended on several initiatives including site safety and environmental awareness. Adopting zero emission vehicles into our operations will also help us to reach our target of net zero by 2050.



Paul Maynard MP visit

Following a visit by Mark Menzies MP earlier this year, we had the pleasure of hosting another MP on our site. Paul Maynard, MP for Blackpool North and Cleveleys was given a site tour by the project team. Paul also spent time chatting to one of our apprentices Hannah Cardwell. Hannah, who lives local to the project, talked about her early career progression and role on the A585.

Paul told us: *"It's great to see the progress being made by National Highways and Kier. This new road will reduce congestion and speed up journey times. With work on the Fleetwood to Poulton line, and this new road we are really opening up the North Fylde Coast to inward investment creating quality jobs and developing high level skills."*

It was a pleasure to have Paul and his team visit us and he's welcome back anytime.

Our graduates and apprentices



Early careers on the project

Congratulations to our colleagues who have recently completed their early career programmes. It's been a challenging couple of years and to successfully finish graduate and apprenticeship placements is a fantastic achievement. Well done to:

- **Matthew Powell**, graduated in quantity surveying
- **Sean Jackson**, apprentice quantity surveyor advancing to degree programme
- **Sam Garner**, graduated in quantity surveying
- **Emily Carmichael**, graduated in civil engineering
- **James Washington**, graduated in health and safety
- **Michael Lee**, newly qualified performance analyst
- **Idris Hussain**, graduated in civil engineering (absent from photograph)

We really want to inspire the next generation and provide young people with the opportunity to gain experience and thrive in our working environment. So far, we've created the following opportunities on the project, opening doors towards future careers:


If you are interested in a career in construction and would like to find out more, please contact the team at:
a585windyharbourtoskipool@kier.co.uk

7



apprentices

1



apprenticeship position available

1



veteran placement

40



hours of educational visits

8



graduates

2



summer placement students

2



mentoring opportunities

2



build your CV workshops for ex-personnel



Get to know the team

This month we'd like to introduce graduate Project Manager, Lucie Richards to the scheme. Lucie has recently joined the project following an apprenticeship in project management. Welcome to the team Lucie.

What is your background?

My previous experience is in the hospitality sector having worked in a hotel, a theatre and a cafe part-time whilst studying at school and college. In college, I studied business and did work experience with a marketing company which lead me to gain a wealth of IT skills and more of an insight into the professional world of work.

What career path did you take?

I have taken a career path in project management and the apprenticeship route, which involved me working on a project 80% of the time, and the rest of my time was spent studying for my qualification.

What do you do on this project?

As part of the project management team on the A585, I am supporting the team in delivery. I am responsible for a range of admin including inputting documents and setting up important documents and systems of work.

What excites you about your new role?

I will be able to gain more knowledge on the job, and I am excited that the first placement I have been given is in the construction phase. There's so much going on and many different areas to manage, which only gives me the chance to learn more. I have also had the opportunity to visit site and get a real understanding of the work that is being managed by the team.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

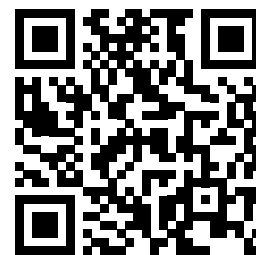
In my spare time I enjoy meeting with friends, going on dog walks along the beach, and keeping fit by playing netball or cycling.

If you need help accessing this or any other National Highways information, please call **0300 123 5000** and we will help you.



Have your say

Do you want to share your thoughts and feedback with the team? Visit our [A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool feedback tool](#) on our project page to have your say. The feedback tool includes an interactive map, where you can click on a specific location to make a comment or provide us with your general feedback.



How to find out more

To sign up for updates or to find out further information on the project, please visit our website highwaysengland.co.uk/A585-WH. Alternatively, you can follow us on Facebook [Highways England: North-West](#) or on Twitter [@HighwaysNWEST](#)

If you have any questions regarding the project, please email our dedicated project inbox at A585windyharbourtoskipool@highwaysengland.co.uk. Or call us on **0300 123 5000** (24-hour Customer Contact Centre).

You can also contact the project Customer Liaison Officer, David Whitelow by email or by phone (Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm). Email: David.Whitelow@kier.co.uk Phone: **07935 759224**

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