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HS2 Update

Old Oak and North Acton | Winter 2023



High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Our contractors Balfour Beatty Vinci Systra (BBVS) and Skanska Costain STRABAG joint Venture (SCSJV) are continuing works in Old Oak and North Acton to build the new railway.

Gearing up for Tunnel Boring Machine Launches in the New Year

SCSJV will launch two Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) early next year from the Victoria Road Crossover Box site in Old Oak and Park Royal and will complete their journey at the Greenpark Way ventilation shaft in Greenford by early 2025.

In October 2023, we lifted the first TBM cutterhead into position, which you can see below.



Further information about the Northolt Tunnel East can be found by visiting: <https://www.hs2.org.uk/building-hs2/tunnels/tunnel-drives/northolt-tunnel/>

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Christmas break

HS2 sites at Victoria Road and Atlas Road will be closed from 6pm on 22 December to 8am on 2 January and Willesden Euroterminal site 11pm on 22 December 2023 to 8am on 2 January 2024

There will be no construction activities during this period, all sites will maintain a security presence throughout.

Old Oak Common station site will shut down on 22 December at 6pm to reopen 8am 2 January.

Network rail will be briefly working at Old Oak Common station site from 22 December to 28 December

Influential Women Get HS2 Accolade

Tunnel Boring Machines have been named

SCSJV have named the two Tunnel Boring Machines in preparation for them being launched in early 2024. We sent out feedback forms in August 2023 to the local public, asking them to choose two inspirational women from a list of five, with connections to Ealing. TBM naming helps communities remember and celebrate great local women.

After receiving over 500 responses, the two most popular names were Emily and Anne. Emily Sophia Taylor and Lady Anne Byron. These names will be printed on the side of each HS2 TBM.



Who are they and what did they do?

Lady Anne Byron (right) lived in Ealing during the early half of the 19th century. She established the Ealing Grove School in 1834 – the first school for the working classes, in an era when education was mainly for the wealthy.

Emily Sophia Taylor (below) became Ealing's first female mayor 1938. She was an active member of the Education Committee and the Child Welfare Committee.



Source taken from: <https://www.visitgunnersbury.org/news-blog/our-work/not-forgotten-women-of-ealing/>

In The Community

Respecting People, Respecting Places

Community Planting Day in Wells House Road

HS2's local contractor, BBVS, worked with environmental charity, Groundwork, to brighten up the streets of Wells House Road. At the end of September staff cleared old tree pits and planted new shrubs, herbs and bulbs to add more greenery into the area, see right.

The team, comprising colleagues from BBVS, J Coffey, Volker Fitzpatrick and Clipfine, also helped residents who joined on the day to clear litter and weeds from the green areas at the entrance to the street.

We're looking forward to seeing the street in bloom in the spring.



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Wells House Road Street Party

In July, BBVS also supported the annual Wells House Road street party, providing an eco-generator, gazebos and food. Chevron organised a full road closure for the residents, and Clipfine ensured the streets were clean and tidy for the event.

The Island Triangle Residents Association get green fingers

Over the past few months and as part of our continued support, the team at the Willesden Euroterminal site have supplied recycled planters, security fences and collected green waste to help the local community use and enjoy the "allotment area" on Channel Gate Road, below. Local children on the road are using the area to achieve their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.



Channel Gate Road allotment area

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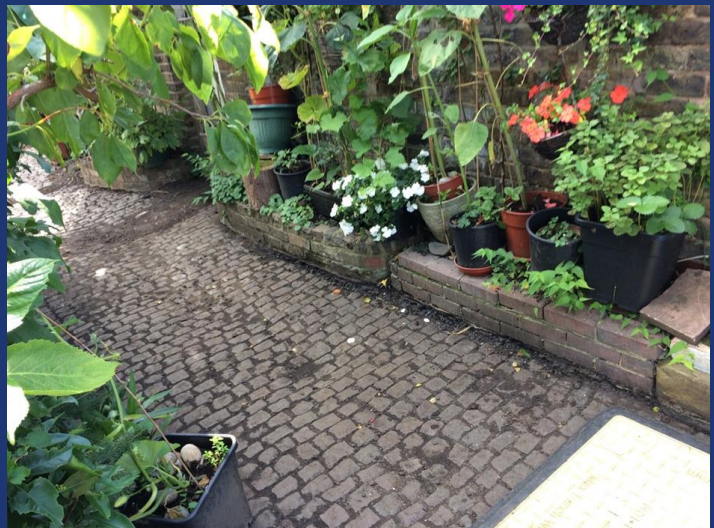
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Railway Cottages Volunteering Day



In September, staff from the community engagement team and site team at Willesden Euroterminal volunteered to help a local resident carry out work on the ongoing renovation of the alley behind the 1880s Railway Cottages on Old Oak Lane.

During the process of removing the old tarmac and soil, the team uncovered many Victorian granite sets and cobblestones which will be used to fully restore the pavement to its former glory.



Visits to Atlas Road and Willesden Euroterminal sites

A Glimpse Behind the Hoarding



In autumn, SCSJV invited members of the public to look behind the hoardings at their Atlas Road Logistics Tunnel and Willesden Euroterminal sites.

Both events were met with enthusiastic participation from the public, who found the experience informative. For many residents, the hoarding had felt like a barrier between site its works and the community. The site visits offered a bridge between the community and our works, dispelling myths and revealing the crucial role the site plays in the construction of HS2.

Overall, this site visit showcased the power of transparency and community engagement, demonstrating that breaking down the hoarding can lead to a better understanding of the project.

We are planning more visits to the HS2 sites in the area and further which will be advertised on the HS2 website in the new year.

Information panels at logistics hub at Willesden Euroterminal



Kermont Primary School's New Outdoor Learning Space

In May, BBVS contractors Clipfine and Select helped to clear much of the overgrown vegetation and paving slabs. Then in August, staff from SB3 and BBVS returned to further clear the space and create a new path through the garden, right.

Material for the path was donated by J Coffey, and Speedy Hire arranged two compactors to complete the works in time for the start of the new school year.



Kenmont Primary School were also successful with an application to the HS2 Community and Environment Fund, receiving a grant to renovate an annexe building on the school site into a space for the school and local community to enjoy.

Images: Staff from BBVS and SB3 clearing the outdoor space at Kenmont Primary School prior to levelling out and laying a new path

BBVS Supports Communities Access funding

Over the past year, BBVS have been working with community organisations across the three boroughs to access funding from HS2 Community and Environment Fund (CEF). This small grant programme offers funding of up to £75k for organisations impacted by the works of HS2 in the area.

The Community Team have supported six organisations to access a total of £223,000 in CEF grants. The team organised 'Let's Talk About CEF', an information evening for prospective applicants to speak with HS2 about their project plans. All six organisations attended the event, so hopefully there will be more success stories to come!

Staff from VINCI companies have also helped local charities receive funding from the VINCI Foundation. The fund requires a sponsor from a VINCI business and three local organisations were selected from over 100 applications. Congratulations to Young Futures CIC, Bubble and Squeak Eat CIC and Mama Haven.

If you have any ideas for community projects, please contact us via the HS2 Helpdesk and we will assess how we may be able to help,

Old Oak House Hosts a Small Local Business Day

On 26 September Old Oak House hosted an event to showcase some of the small local business in the Old Oak area.

The event was coordinated by supply chain partner, SB3 JV, Old Oak Community Centre and Friends of Old Oak (FOOO) to celebrate our local community. Over £700 was spent on the day, with staff buying aftershave and perfume, beauty products, reflexology massages and cakes.



Over 3000 Hours of Volunteering!

In August, BBVS and supply chain partners celebrated reaching 3000 hours of volunteering. BBVS and its supply chain are proud to be supporting local organisations and causes.

Season's Greetings

As the year concludes and we embrace the festive spirit, we wish to thank the local community for your understanding and patience throughout this year's works programme.

HS2 remains committed to working with you to minimise disruption and provide support where possible. We are dedicated to maintaining open lines of communication and collaboration that will contribute to many positive outcomes.

May this festive season bring you joy, togetherness, and the warmth of community, whether you observe Christmas, Hanukkah or another tradition.



Keeping you informed

We are committed to keeping you informed about work on HS2. This includes ensuring you know what to expect and when to expect it, as well as how we can help you.

The Residents' Commissioner

The independent Residents' Commissioner oversees and monitors our commitments to you.

The commissioner's reports and our responses can be found at www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner

The Residents' Commissioner makes sure we fulfil the commitments in the HS2 Community Engagement Strategy (<https://bit.ly/3oOA25j>).

The Residents' Commissioner can be contacted on: residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

Construction Commissioner

The independent Construction Commissioner regularly meets our Chief Executive Officer to raise any concerns or emerging trends across HS2.

The Construction Commissioner's role has been developed to monitor the way we manage and respond to construction complaints.

The commissioner mediates on disputes about construction, involving individuals and organisations, that we can't resolve. The commissioner advises members of the public about how to make a complaint about construction.

The Construction Commissioner can be contacted on: complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk

Property and compensation

You can find out about HS2 and properties along the route by visiting:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property

Find out if you can claim compensation at:

www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2

Holding us to account

If you are unhappy for any reason you can make a complaint by contacting the HS2 Helpdesk. For more details on our complaints process, please visit:

www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/contact-us/how-to-complain/

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