

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434**

HS2 Update

South Warwickshire | Winter 2024

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. This update will provide you with key information and news on HS2 works between Long Itchington and Burton Green.

Project update

We are still working on building many of our key highway structures offline and these will go over or under the local road network. Building offline significantly reduces both the number and length of road closures during construction.

We have completed works with successful road closures over the last 12 months which include the A429 and Rugby Road. While construction on the ground progresses, there will be an increase in key works in 2025 including the A46 and Dalehouse Lane.

Work on Burton Green Tunnel will continue into the new year with construction expected to finish by Spring 2026. Construction of the 700-metre-long 'green tunnel' is now 50% complete. Click [here](#) (or enter bit.ly/4fhAARp) to read more on the progress.

You can find out more about the landscaping and innovative ecological elements of the tunnel by attending one of our drop-in events: hs2.org.uk/events



Artist impression of Burton Green Tunnel

Drop-in events

Kenilworth Kenilworth Centre

15 Jan 2025 2-7pm

18 Mar 2025 2-7pm

Burton Green Burton Green Village Hall

24 Apr 2025

15 May 2025

2-6pm

Southam and Ufton with EKFB outside Southam Library

28 May 2025

11am to 2pm

For more information about our upcoming works in Warwickshire, click [here](#) to view our 2024 Winter Construction Look-Ahead by scanning the QR code below.



A46 Overbridge

The A46 connects Coventry, Kenilworth and Leamington Spa to the M40. As we head into 2025, we will be carrying out our third and fourth phases of work. The A46 box structure is currently being built offline (away from publicly accessible land) and is adjacent to the carriageway.



Artist impression of the A46 Kenilworth Bypass box

In February 2025, we will commence the third phase of works which involve completing highway and drainage works in preparation for the bridge push. To complete these works safely we will install two full weekend closures of the A46 from:

8pm Friday 7 February to 6am Monday 10 February 2025

8pm Friday 14 February to 6am Monday 17 February 2025

Following these weekend closures, temporary lane restrictions and a 50mph speed restriction will remain in place to keep road users and our workforce safe while we complete works. Further information and diversion routes can be found here: [Notice-of-HS2-works-A46-weekend-closure-February-2025.pdf](#)

In Spring 2025, the final phase of work will include a full road closure for up to three weeks to complete the bridge push. We will provide a diversion route for road users. After the bridge is in place, we will finish drainage works, install a new road surface and conduct inspections before reopening the bypass. Please scan the QR code for more information or visit hs2.org.uk/A46-box-structure



Spotlight.... Public rights of way (PRoW's)

Within South Warwickshire are several public rights of way (PRoW's), which include footpaths, bridleways, and byways. These are used by both residents and organised walking groups.

To facilitate the project delivery work and to ensure user safety, we are often required to divert or temporarily close a PRoW. When this is required, we will place information boards at key closure points showing the diversion route and a reference number to be used if further information is required regarding the closure of the public right of way.

Pedestrians will still be able to safely navigate through the area by using the clearly signposted diverted footpath and we will always find the shortest practical route to avoid any long-term inconvenience to the users of the PRoW. These temporary arrangements will remain until the PRoW is either re-established or a permanent diversion or realignment is completed.

From time to time the information boards can get damaged and worn due to the weather and vandalism. While we do carry out regular checks to make sure any missing or damaged boards are replaced, we would encourage you to inform us if you see any missing by contacting the HS2 helpdesk: HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Traffic management

To enable us to complete works on our bridge structures, we will need to implement some traffic management including road closures. Please see the below update on upcoming traffic management.

For more information about our upcoming works in South Warwickshire you can view our Warwickshire Construction Look-Ahead by visiting: bit.ly/44E6Npa or by scanning the QR code.



Please note, all dates and activities in the table are subject to change and consents.

| | Dates | Traffic management | Description of works |
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| Welsh Road (near the canal) | Ongoing until 2027 | Ongoing temporary traffic lights on the bridge | Earthworks for the embankments |
| Hunnigham Road | 6 - 24 January 2025 | Full road closure | Utility diversion work |
| Rugby Road | 3 - 28 March 2025 | Full road closure | Earthworks and tie-in works |
| Ashow Road | Early 2025 and Spring 2025 | Full road closures | Complete works to connect the new road to the existing road. |
| A46 | 7 February - 10 February 2025 14 February - 17 February 2025 | Two weekend closures 8pm - 6am | Preparatory works for box slide |
| | Spring 2025 | Three-week road closure | Installation of the A46 bridge |
| Dalehouse Lane | 13 January - 24 January 2025 | Initial full road closure followed by 4-way lights until September 2024 | Construction of the Overbridge |
| | Late 2025 | Planned 14-month closure | |
| A429 | 24 February - 22 March 2025 | Road Closure | Utility diversion, tie-in and drainage works |
| Crackley Lane | 27 January - 22 February 2025 | 4-week full closure | Utility works |

Dalehouse Lane Overbridge

John McNiff, -BBV's Project Director talks us through Dalehouse Lane.

Q. Can you provide an overview of the planned 2025 closure of Dalehouse Lane and how we are mitigating the impact on the local community and transport infrastructure?

A. Following the design changes to make sure Dalehouse Overbridge has future capacity for connections between Kenilworth and new homes, we needed to completely rethink our construction process. Limited operational space meant, the only way to construct the cycle lane and footpath path safely is to close the road for an extended period. Originally, we estimated a 22-month closure but the team have been working hard to reduce this and we are now confident that we can do this in 14 months.

Q. What measures are being put in place to minimise disruption to local residents, businesses and commuters during the closure of Dalehouse Lane? How will you engage with other stakeholders.

A. We will always inform the local councils and work closely with Warwickshire County Council to make sure the work is in line with their expectations. We will also make sure that there are no other planned road works in the area. We directly inform those living closest to the work, issuing Advanced Warning Notices (AWNs) so that road users know about the work beforehand.

In the case of Dalehouse Lane, we will be doing much more. It is our intention to have a number of focused drop-in events during the run up to the main works and also a progress event to highlight the work. We will engage with local bus companies to plan alternative routes and work with schools to make sure their bus services are running. At a local business level, we will be informing them directly and working with the chambers of trade and commerce, local councillors and community leaders so that their questions are answered quickly. We are always grateful to Kenilworth Town Council for their support and for publishing news on their website, so that the widest possible audience know.

Q. How will HS2 and BBV ensure that the closure is completed on time?

A. Planning is the key. We need to complete the installation of the A46 Overbridge before we start to ensure we maintain traffic flows in the local area. Once we complete the A46 Overbridge install we will then be able to access the Dalehouse Lane construction area using the HS2 trace under the A46.



Artist impression of Dalehouse Lane overbridge

Community Investment

HS2's Community Investment programme enables us to support those communities most impacted by our works.



Helping Hands Christmas shoe box appeal

The Helping Hands Community Charity supports local people in Leamington, Warwick and Kenilworth, with homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction, social isolation, domestic violence, low income, mental health issues, and unexpected life crises.

We first supported Helping Hands back in 2021, where we donated 75 shoeboxes to the support the initiative. Last year, with support from our colleagues and Lynch, we collected 100 shoeboxes filled with donations. Each shoebox delivered helps to brighten what might otherwise be a difficult time of year for many vulnerable families.

This holiday season marks our third year supporting Helping Hands through the Christmas Shoebox donation. Along with the support from our brilliant supply chain; Lynch, we collected over 100 boxes filled with essential items and festive cheer. These will be distributed to adults, teenagers, children and families who are homeless and/or vulnerably housed in our community.



Generous donations to support Helping Hands charity

Skills, employment and education

We are committed to ensuring local communities have priority access to jobs and training opportunities.

Our Recruit Local First strategy aims to empower the communities we serve. This approach guarantees that employment opportunities within our business are initially extended to local unemployed jobseekers, offering skills and development opportunities to those who struggle to secure sustainable and meaningful employment.

Training courses are available for candidates that meet the eligibility criteria and are in receipt of state benefits. If you are looking for work, please get in touch to register your interest and send your CV to:
see.team@balfourbeattyvinci.com



Two easy steps to register your interest in our current opportunities

- 1 Scan the QR code or use the link below:
<https://forms.office.com/e/pk4aWbEeCH>
- 2 and send us your CV:
see.team@balfourbeattyvinci.com



Case study: Sawar Uddin

Sarwar studied electrical installation at college and subsequently found work in a warehouse. He realised warehouse work did not align with his career aspirations, which were centred on joining the construction industry (even though he was unsure of the best route).

He began researching local construction projects and realised that not only is HS2 one of the most important engineering projects in the world, but that it was also happening practically on his doorstep.



Apprentice Sawar Uddin

Looking towards the future, he knew working on the project could be a crucial steppingstone to future opportunities, so he decided to apply for the Form-working apprenticeship programme. There are several aspects of his work that Sarwar enjoys. He has always enjoyed working outdoors, so the apprenticeship is a perfect fit for him. He enjoys working with such a diverse group of people, all of whom have knowledge and experience that can be shared with each other.

Engaging with local communities

We know that planning and building the railway disrupts the lives of local people. We will always try to do the right thing and reduce disruption as much as we can.

Our specialists work across each section of the route and will keep you informed. They will also respond to any question you may have.

Drop-in sessions are held regularly and provide important updates on the project. We encourage attendees to share feedback so we can understand the views of our communities.

We work closely with community groups and local authorities to find ways to mitigate any potential disruption caused by the construction of HS2.

Our teams also support community and school projects to benefit the areas where we work. These include giving back to communities by volunteering, fundraising, or providing materials, labour or investment. Our helpdesk is open 24/7 – ring us on 08081 434 434 if you would like to discuss an idea with our team.



Keep up to date on HS2 activity in your area

To receive notifications of our upcoming activity, sign up for email notifications:

<https://engagement.hs2.org.uk/join-mailing-list/>

To view more detail on what work is happening near you, visit our interactive map:

www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/map

Find out what engagement events are coming up in your area at:

www.hs2.org.uk/events

Tell us what you think

Thank you for taking the time to read this update. We invite you to complete our short survey. Your answers will be anonymous and will help us in improving these updates.

Take the survey >



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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/

Contact us

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

 Freephone **08081 434 434**

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 Email **HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

Write to:

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HS2 Community Engagement

Website **www.hs2.org.uk**

To keep up to date with what is happening in your local area, visit: **www.HS2inyourarea.co.uk**

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