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HS2 Update

South Warwickshire | Spring 2025

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 in South Warwickshire.

A46 Overbridge

Following the full three-week closure of the A46 at the end of April 2025, we successfully moved the huge 14,500 tonne box into position. We reopened road 30 hours ahead of schedule.

We completed the operation in three stages. The first stage involved the demolition of a 200m long section of the old road and the excavation of around 35,000 cubic metres of material to make space for the box to be pushed into place.

The second stage involved pushing the 42-metre-wide structure into position, achieved over 10 hours. We used 15 enormous jacks to guide the box into position, using a series of holes in the base of the box. We injected bentonite – a clay-based material – into the space between the box and the ground to help ease the sliding operation.

Did you know?

The box structure weighs around the same as two new Royal Navy destroyers, which makes it one of the heaviest of its kind in Europe.



A46 box in position after the slide completion

The final stage of the operation saw the embankment carefully reconstructed, the new carriageway put into place and the road reopened early.

Building the bridge offline avoided over two years of ongoing traffic management, speed restrictions and road realignments. Enabling long-term benefits with far less disruption for the community and road users.

Click [here](#) or visit bit.ly/438zMC8 to read more and view the incredible timelapse footage of the box slide.



Welsh Road Underbridge and realignment

We completed the construction of Welsh Road Underbridge at the end of November 2024, a key milestone for the project.

It is the first of 16 bridge structures to be built in South Warwickshire. Once we completed the bridge, we started work on the new road realignment, which was progressed and opened for road users in February 2025.

The Welsh Road Underbridge is located around 400 metres north of the Grand Union Canal and will carry the high-speed trains over the realigned Welsh Road. To reduce impact on the environment and minimise road closures, the Underbridge was built offline - next to the carriageway.

The structure is a reinforced concrete box measuring 30 metres long, almost 13 metres wide and 8 metres high. It was constructed over a period of 23 months using 2,020 cubic metres of concrete, enough to fill an Olympic-size swimming pool.



The newly built Welsh Road Underbridge is now open

Community drop-in events

Weston under Wetherley

Focus: Rugby Road

Date: 30 June 2025 | **Time:** 2pm - 6pm | **Location:** Weston Under Wetherley Village Hall

Kenilworth (A429 and general update)

Date: 31 July and 17 September 2025 | **Time:** 2pm - 6pm | **Location:** The Kenilworth Centre

Kenilworth Greenway design opportunities

As part of our HS2 'legacy commitments', Sam Williams Studio have been commissioned by Balfour Beatty VINCI to deliver a 2.5-year creative programme along the Kenilworth Greenway.

We are looking for local residents and community groups to get involved in the Kenilworth Greenway Arts Programme and our supplier Engine Cohort. You can learn more about the project and how you can contribute to our plans for a new piece of public art in the heart of the local community.

To register your interest, please complete this form: forms.gle/E24mBaSQvai6e8pj8



Artist's impression of the completed Kenilworth Greenway

Burton Green Tunnel and Cromwell Lane update

We have passed the halfway mark of the construction of the 700-metre Burton Green Tunnel in Warwickshire. This tunnel will transport HS2 trains through Burton Green, near Kenilworth and will be integrated into the landscape with trees, plants, and shrubs, along with a green space for local community use.

We are building the Burton Green tunnel using a 'top down' construction method, where the side walls and roof are constructed at ground level before excavating the tunnel itself, culminating in the construction of the base. Over the past year, progress has accelerated, with the completion of the 200-metre southern portal entrance and various underground structures, including retaining walls and over 1,300 concrete piles, using 33,000 cubic metres of concrete.

Upcoming phases involve further excavation, with soil reused for landscaping, and the installation of roof and base slabs, as well as internal structures. The utility services, which were temporarily diverted to enable the tunnel works, will be diverted back under Cromwell Lane before the road can be constructed to its original alignment. These works will require a series of temporary closures over the summer and early 2026. We will communicate the dates once they are confirmed.

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, please view our Warwickshire Construction Lookahead 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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| The Fosse | 23 June – 11 July 2025 | Temporary traffic lights | Survey works |
| Hunnigham Road | 2 – 6 June 2025 | Full road closure | Utilities and telegraph pole removal |
| Rugby Road | Ongoing until 30 May 2025 | Full road closure | Utilities and drainage work |
| Ashow Road | 12- 25 May and late summer 2025 | Full road closures | Final phases of works to connect the new road to the existing road |
| Dalehouse Lane | Ongoing until the closure in late 2025/26 | Traffic lights Planned 14-month closure | Excavation of the area ready for the construction of the Overbridge |
| A429 | 2 – 28 June 30 June – 20 July 2025 | Full road closure | Final phases of the new road realignment |
| Crackley Lane | 2 – 21 June 2025 | Full road closure | Utility and drainage works |
| Cromwell Lane | 12 – 31 May 2025 28 July until mid-August, mid-October until early November 2025 | Temporary closure Full road closure | Utility diversions and removal of temporary piles that were required during the construction of the tunnel |

Skills, Employment and Education

Darcy Buick who is 20 and from Leamington Spa missed out on a place at university. Fortunately, a chance encounter with a Health and Safety advisor at Balfour Beatty Vinci set her on the path towards a career in materials testing.

Darcy's apprenticeship began in July 2023 and was scheduled to end in March 2025. However, due to her dedication and consistent strong performance, she underwent her End Point Assessment last year and achieved the highest mark of a distinction.

She has remained on the project as a fully-qualified Materials Technician. Darcy's main responsibility is to test concrete and earthworks and ensure they meet required specifications.



Darcy Buick – local recruit

Having fallen into materials testing without any prior knowledge of what it involved, Darcy now loves her role and believes there should be greater awareness of materials testing as a potential career path. In March 2025, Darcy received the Apprentice of the Year (Level 3 or below) award at the HS2 Inspirations Awards ceremony in recognition of her performance and dedication.

"I genuinely love my job. The role comes with an enormous amount of variety and there is a good mix of office and site-based work." – Darcy Buick – Materials Technician

For a list of all available roles, please visit: hs2.org.uk/jobs-and-skills

Warwickshire careers fair

BBV's Skills, Education and Employment (SEE) team attended the Warwickshire College Group Careers Fair in February.

They were joined by supply chain partners McGinley, Reliable and Flannery Plant Hire to discuss degree apprenticeships, current vacancies, and pre-employment training programmes.

The team spoke to more than 30 individuals, from young people preparing to complete their full-time education to older students who were looking for a career change.



BBV Skills, Education and Employment team attending Warwickshire College Group Careers Fair

For more information on upcoming careers events, [click here](#) or visit forms.office.com/e/pk4aWbEeCH

Community Investment

HS2's Community Investment programme supports community-led projects which are selected and delivered to assist those stakeholders and communities most impacted by our works.

In 2024, we carried out 17 community investment projects in South Warwickshire which generated approximately £20,866 in social value.

BBV and our supply chain has invested volunteering time, skills, expertise, materials and equipment to enhance the local environment, improve community assets, buildings, schools, outdoor areas, sports facilities and much, much more. Through these initiatives, we are improving the wellbeing and prospects of local people, of all ages and from all backgrounds, now and in the years to come – leaving a positive and sustainable legacy.

Leaving a positive legacy at Burton Green School

Burton Green has been impacted by our works, including local school, Burton Green Academy. One of the school's governors contacted BBV to see if any assistance could be offered.

During the installation of new classrooms, the land surrounding them had become unusable. BBV was delighted to offer help and collaborated with supply chain partner Galldris to transform the area.



Caz Thompson; Head Teacher at Burton Green Church of England Academy

We carried out the work over the 2024 summer break. This included imaginative additions such as a giant tube for the children to play in, wonderful craftsmanship in the form of a bench surrounding a large conifer tree. We also carefully restored the 'peace garden' adding small pebbles from the old railway bridge that has been demolished to make way for the new railway.



Enhancing the outdoor area

"On behalf of the Academy Governance Committee of Burton Green Academy, I would like to say how very grateful we are for the wonderful transformation. It has provided a stimulating wildlife-friendly area including an area for growing fruit and vegetables all in time for the children, parents and governors to celebrate 150 years of Burton Green School". – School Governor

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 about work taking place. They will also respond to any question you may have.

We regularly hold drop-in sessions to 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:

www.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

Stay informed about the progress of HS2

We are committed to keeping you informed about the planning and progress of HS2.

Please complete the form below to join our mailing list and receive emails about the aspects of the project that you are most interested in.

If you would also like to receive information about current or planned HS2 construction works in our area, please complete our **[local mailing list form](#)** or you scan the QR code.



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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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HS2 Community Engagement

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

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