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# HS2 Update

Calvert | Autumn 2025

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high-speed railway for Britain. Should you have any questions or enquiries regarding our works, please contact the Helpdesk details of which can be found in this newsletter. We will be keeping our local website [www.hs2inbucksandbox.co.uk](http://www.hs2inbucksandbox.co.uk) up to date with information on our works in the local area



## What's inside this newsletter

Our newsletters are an important way to update local communities on the progress of the HS2 project. This newsletter has been created specifically for the Calvert construction area (CA), located between Twyford and Quainton in Buckinghamshire.

In this edition of our newsletter, we will be looking at the latest information on our works, community projects and events.

Construction update to include;

- HS2 reset news
- Calvert temporary link road
- West Street overbridge
- School Hill overbridge
- Social value –
  - Twyford Allotments
  - Winslow Scouts
  - Quainton Monday Club
  - RSPCA footpath

## Drop-in events

Please come along to discuss our works including upcoming road closures and traffic management in your area.

Our next events are on  
**8 October 2025:**

- Sow and Pigs carpark,  
Main St, **Poundon**,  
Bicester, OX27 9BA  
**1pm – 3.30pm**
- Clements Lane, **Marsh Gibbon**, Bicester,  
OX27 9HG  
**4pm – 7pm**

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# HS2 reset news

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## HS2 reset news

Mark Wild was appointed as CEO of HS2 in December 2024. Mark is a rail infrastructure expert, who was brought in to put Crossrail on a successful path to opening in 2022.

He is now reviewing HS2's costs and schedule as part of a 12-month reset of the programme. He carried out a similar process as chief executive of Crossrail, helping to put the project back on track and deliver a successful opening of the Elizabeth line in 2022.

### Reset timings

The reset is comprised of a series of stages and will be completed in 2026.

HS2 Ltd is not standing still during the reset. This year, we are implementing a rigorous plan to focus on driving productivity and efficiency.

### The Spending Review

The multi-year financial settlement as set out in the Government's Spending Review – announced in June, provides greater certainty to the delivery of HS2 and lays the foundations for the reset.

The Spending Review document confirms HS2 Ltd.'s settlement as £25.3bn to progress the delivery of HS2 from Birmingham Curzon Street to London Euston. This multi-year financial settlement gives greater certainty to the delivery of HS2 and provides the foundations for the comprehensive reset of the project.

### Future updates

We shall continue to provide you with updates on the reset and what this means in terms of our plans in this area.



HS2 CEO; Sir Mark Wild OBE

## Calvert temporary link road

We are delighted to announce the opening of the much-anticipated temporary link road that reconnects the villages of Calvert and the Claydon's. This temporary road has been constructed to the right of our School Hill concrete batching plant and crosses our site access road.

A concrete slab crossing point has been installed where traffic management will control the interface between site traffic and public highway traffic. The construction of Calvert bridge is progressing and both the bridge and permanent highway will be completed by the end of 2026 after which this temporary link road will then be deconstructed. This temporary solution is intended to ease disruption, improve connectivity and support daily travel while we continue construction works.

We encourage everyone to use the new road safely and responsibly, and we will continue to keep you updated on progress of Calvert bridge and the permanent road.

Thank you for your continued patience as we construct HS2 through Buckinghamshire.



The image above shows the temporary link road which connects Calvert and the Claydon's.

1. Tie in of the temporary road into Brackley Lane, Calvert.
2. Crossing point between our site access traffic and the public highway, controlled by traffic management.
3. Tie in of the temporary road into Calvert Road.



## West Street overbridge

### Bridge parapets completed

All 38 parapets over the bridge deck have now been successfully installed. The remaining parapets, which will be placed above the approach structures, are expected to arrive by the end of September 2025.

### Kerbing works scheduled

Kerbing along the embankment for the new road alignment is set to begin in October 2025, marking another key milestone in the project.

### Ongoing approach structure works

Construction continues on the eastern and western approach structures, where the parapets will connect to the highway.

### Upcoming road closure

A planned closure of Steeple Claydon to Twyford Road is scheduled for late 2025 and will remain in place until late 2026, when the new road alignment will open to traffic.



The image above shows West Street overbridge with parapets complete

## School Hill overbridge

### Earthworks progressing

We're pleased to report that earthworks backfilling behind the abutments began at the start of September. The backfill is being placed in thin, compactable layers, allowing the use of a smaller roller to help minimise disruption to surrounding areas.

### Deck pour

Meanwhile, preparatory works are continuing for the diaphragm walls and deck pour. The deck pour itself will be carried out in four separate stages, ensuring precision and quality throughout the process.

Works to this bridge will continue throughout this year and next with the plan to open the bridge to traffic in late 2026.



The image above shows School Hill overbridge, with Calvert village to the left.

## Twyford Allotments

### Volunteering

A team of twelve EKFB volunteers spent a warm, sunny day at Twyford allotments tackling two vacant overgrown plots that had become unmanageable.

The work first necessitated strimming the green growth, then rotovating the soil. Finally, the volunteers took to hand tools to finely mill the earth, ready for planting.

In addition, they re-varnished the community bench and gave the Twyford village gateway sign a lick of paint! Our efforts were much appreciated by the local community.



## Winslow Scouts

### Cake sale

Winslow area Scouts arrived at our West Street compound armed with boxes and tins of delicious homemade sweet treats.

They have been active in raising funds to go towards their camping trip to the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland.

The EKFB workforce were only too happy to part with a small donation in return for a piece (or two!) and an impressive total of £320 was raised!

In addition, EKFB have sponsored the group and supplied them with camp tee-shirts for their trip.

**CALVERT WEST STREET**

# Bake Sale

**Winslow District Scouts**

Hosted by:  
**The Young People**

**THURSDAY MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
**At West Street Canteen**  
**11:00am - 13:00pm**

Calling all bakers - help us make this cake sale a sweet success by baking and donating a cake or any sweet treats!

For more information, please contact us:  
**07785386848**  
**samantha.wehby@ekfb.com**

**All Proceeds to help fund a trip to Switzerland for the scouts**

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## Quainton Monday Club

Quainton Monday Club were this year granted a £9,000 donation through the HS2 Community Environment Fund (CEF) to provide funding for weekly entertainment and crafting activities for older members of the local community who attend the day centre.

EKFB further contributed £1,000 to the centre and were delighted to be invited to volunteer. We truly appreciated the dedication and warmth that goes into making the Monday Club such a welcoming and positive space for everyone involved. It was inspiring to hear about all the upcoming outings and events planned for the club. We're looking forward to hosting the members for a tour of our Calvert site soon!



*"Thank you all so much for taking the time to visit our wonderful Monday Club, we all thoroughly enjoyed your company and help with our activities. A huge thank you from us all at Monday Club for your kind generosity of funding this year, Louise – Club organiser"*

## Want to find out more about our works?

**Sign up to the mailing list by visiting the HS2 website where you can be the first to be updated with the following;**

- Advance works notices to inform you of upcoming works in your area which includes road closures and traffic management
- Details of upcoming engagement events including our mobile visitor centre, village hall drop-ins or online event; and
- Regular copies of our newsletters.

**[www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area](http://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area)**





## RSPCA pathway

To enhance community facilities, a dedicated team of seven volunteers from EKFB successfully refurbished a 375m footpath surrounding the RSPCA dog-walking field at the local centre on Blackgrove Road in Quainton.

Over time, encroaching vegetation had rendered the path narrow and impassable in some places, making it difficult for both two and four-legged walkers.

This project involved meticulous work, which included; scraping back the overgrown vegetation to reveal the original edging, placing a protective membrane and finally laying and compacting a new stone pathway to create a smooth and safe surface to walk on.

The transformation was met with great enthusiasm by the RSPCA, who expressed their gratitude for the excellent workmanship and dedication shown by the EKFB team. Local councillor Ashley Waite paid a visit to inspect the end result and commended the team's efforts.



Image on the left shows the footpath before works. To the right the image shows Sam Wehby EKFB and Cllr Ashley Waite paying a visit to see our finished works.

# Keeping you informed

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

## Residents' and Construction Commissioner

The independent Residents' and Construction Commissioner oversees and monitors our **community engagement strategy**, making sure we fulfil our commitments to you.

The commissioner monitors the way we manage and respond to complaints about construction and advises members of the public how to make complaints.

The commissioner helps settle disputes involving individuals and organisations that we can't resolve.

You can find the commissioner's report and our responses at:

[www.gov.uk/government/collections/independent-hs2-commissioner](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/independent-hs2-commissioner)

The commissioner can be contacted on:  
[hs2commissioner@dft.gov.uk](mailto:hs2commissioner@dft.gov.uk)

## Property and compensation

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

[www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property)

Find out if you're eligible for compensation at:

[www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2](http://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 our HS2 Helpdesk team.

For more details on our complaints process, please visit our website:

[www.hs2.org.uk/contact-us/how-to-complain](http://www.hs2.org.uk/contact-us/how-to-complain)

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**FREEPOST**  
**HS2 Community Engagement**

Website **[www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)**

To keep up to date with what is happening in your area, visit:

**[www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk](http://www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk)**

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