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HS2 Update

Twyford to Greatworth | Winter 2025

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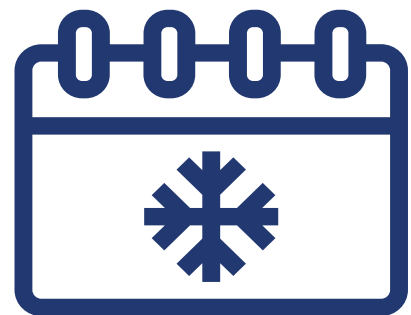
Inside our winter newsletter

Our newsletters is a great way to keep up to date with all things HS2. This newsletter has been created specifically for the Twyford to Greatworth (T2G) construction area, located between Twyford in North Buckinghamshire and Greatworth in Northamptonshire.

It includes the latest information on upcoming construction activities and expected timelines while also highlighting our efforts to support local communities.

In this edition of our newsletter, we will be covering the milestones we have achieved and the upcoming works for the next few months. This will include updates on:

- Twyford to Greatworth – Route map
- Construction update
- George Grenville Academy
- Bench donation
- Food larder
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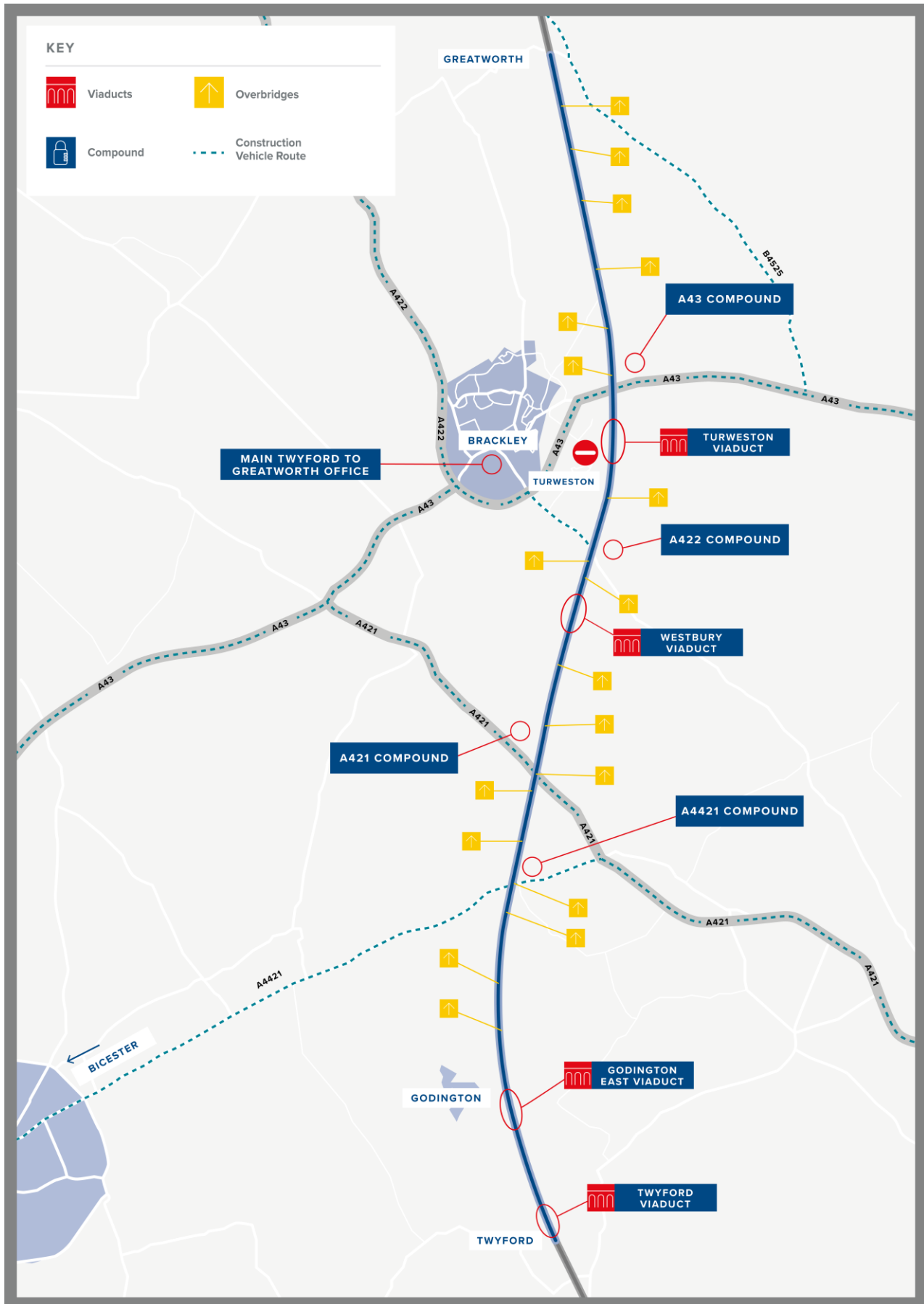
Join us at our community events...

Over the year we run specific community events and drop-in sessions in our Mobile Visitor Centre and local village halls.

To find out where your next local event is taking place, please visit on the HS2 website for the latest information.

www.hs2.org.uk/events

Twyford to Greatworth – Route Map



Construction update

Turweston green overbridge

Earlier in the year, 36 steel beams were safely lifted onto Turweston green overbridge. After the lifts were complete the team were able to start on building the bridge deck.

64 parapets (sides of the bridge) have been installed and the start of the diagonal road layout can already be seen. The plan is to have people driving over the bridge on the new road next year.



Turweston green overbridge

Footpath AX15 green overbridge

In October we safely completed a beam lift at the AX15 green overbridge south of Radstone. The beam lift took over 45 minutes and the team were able to complete a concrete pour on one of the abutments on the same day.

The bridge is made up of a single span 57m long steel beam, with a width of 15.1m supported by 2 concrete reinforced abutment at a height of 9.5m. In total 4500m³ of concrete, 1100 tons of reinforcement and 600 tons of structural steel will be used to complete this overbridge.



AX15 overbridge

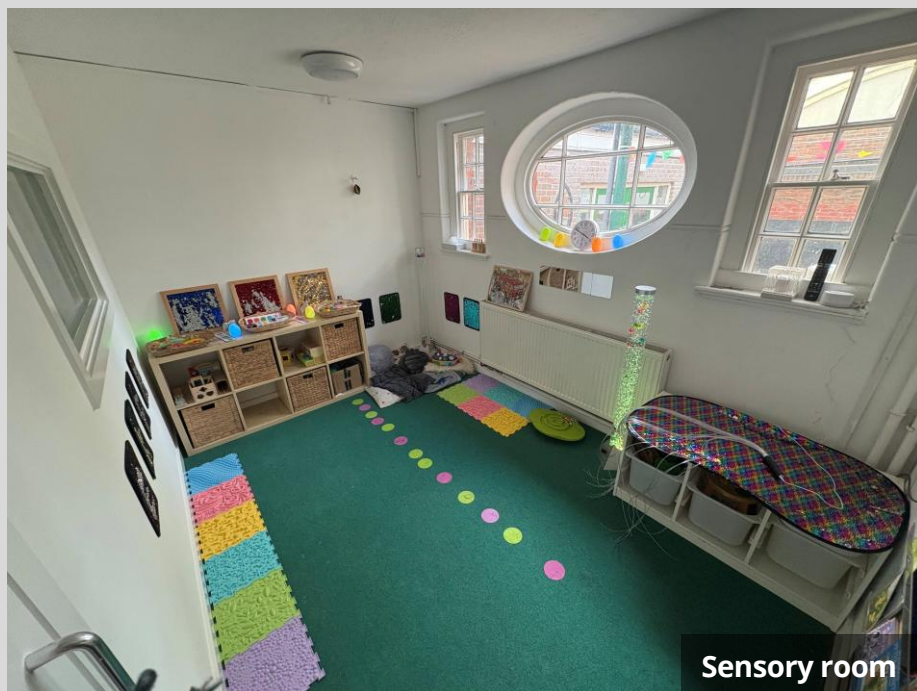
George Grenville Academy

T2G were happy to assist with some improvements for George Grenville Academy.

With help from our subcontractor, HW Martin, we were able to clear out the pond area and trim all the overgrown hedges. This area was so overgrown that children were not able to use the space at all. It has now been given a new lease of life and can be explored during break and lunchtimes. We also were able to jet wash the whole playground and give some of the classrooms a fresh coat of paint.

The social value team was tasked with enhancing the sensory room for Special Educational Needs students. EKFB purchased tactile toys, weighted blankets, and LED lamps. The space was left refreshed and they thoughtfully arranged the new items, creating a calming and engaging environment for students to enjoy as they begin the new school year. You can see the efforts of the team in the pictures below.

Photos



Bench donation

Westbury

We were happy to be one of the organisations to donate benches to Westbury village hall. EKFB sponsored two benches, located at the village hall outside the café.

The benches picked are sustainable and eco-friendly. They have a wood grain effect but are made of 100% recycled plastic materials. One bench is made up of around 2100 recycled milk bottles.

The recycled plastic lasts up to 5 times longer than timber.

It's great to provide somewhere sustainable for people to sit while enjoying their lunch. Support Westbury's local café and enjoy a coffee on one of our benches!



Donated benches

Food larder

Helmdon

We have been helping Helmdon food larder this year. To be able to keep supporting the local community they need more people to sign up to use their service.

EKFB created a Facebook page and flyers, which were printed and posted to the community.

Reaching more people and informing them about the service will encourage them to use it, so the most vulnerable in the community can continue to be supported.

Follow the Facebook page by scanning the QR code below.



First aid training

Turweston and Syresham

We have run two first aid training sessions for local residents in Turweston and Syresham.

It has been great to provide the community with skills that can really make a difference.

If you are interested in first aid training in your area, please contact your local engagement team.

Evenley Wood garden

At the end of summer we started a project at the forest school in Evenley wood garden. They wanted to create an outdoor classroom space that could be used by students and volunteers. The forest school offers a chance for people to learn outdoor skills ranging from wood chopping, fire lighting and cooking.

EKFB donated 120 wooden pallets, these were transported from our site to Evenley wood gardens by the logistics team. Our team then spent two days building the classroom alongside Men in Sheds and Evenley wood gardens volunteers. A base and walls for the classroom were constructed using the pallets. Evenley woods gardens are now waiting for a roof to be delivered to complete the classroom.

We hope this space will be enjoyed by all and they will benefit from being able to learn in an outdoor environment.



From construction to a working railway: how HS2 will take shape

A driving force behind HS2's revised scheduling plan is the completion of an initial section of the HS2 route where high-speed trains will be tested - the **'test area'**

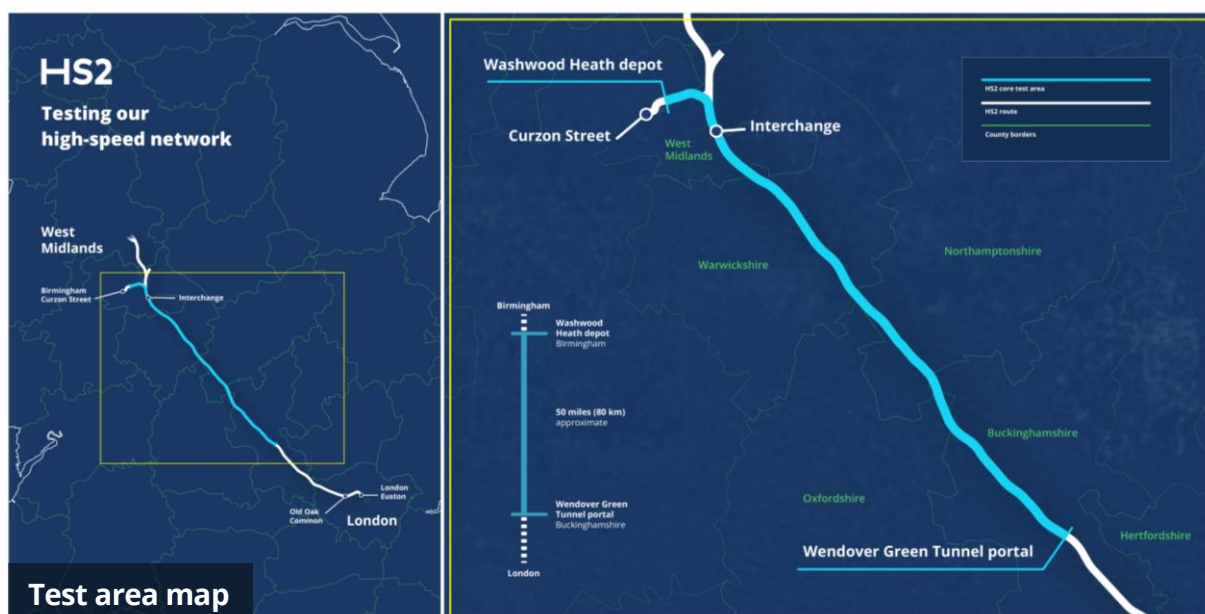
A review as part of the reset has concluded that insufficient time had been allocated to safely complete the railway's multiple testing stages. The test area will now be delivered in phases, allowing testing to start earlier and ensuring the programme remains on schedule.

The first section is approximately 50 miles long and runs from Washwood Heath in Birmingham to the north portal of the Wendover green tunnel in Buckinghamshire. This section of the trace will be overlaid with track, power, signalling and communications systems ready for testing to begin.

The completion of civil engineering works on this section of the route is now the overriding priority, ready for Rail Systems. Alongside the need to operate within the annual funding envelope from government, it is why decisions have been made to defer works elsewhere on the route.

This means that we will continue to keep building and progressing with the programme to ensure that we are able to fully deliver the critical pathway for the HS2 test area.

For more information on the transition to Rail Systems click here, or visit: <https://mediacentre.hs2.org.uk/blogs/from-civils-to-systems>



Community and business funds

HS2's funding programme consists of the two different elements below.

Community and environment fund (CEF) – aims to fund projects that provide benefit to communities along the route that are demonstrably disrupted by the construction of HS2.

Business and local economy fund (BLEF) – aims to fund projects that provide benefit to local economies that are disrupted by construction of HS2.

The funding programme is managed by **Groundwork UK** on behalf of HS2.

How do I apply for funding?

If you have a project that you think would benefit from our funding, you can scan the QR code below and check your eligibility on the website.

If the project is eligible, you can start the application process.

If you want to speak to someone about your application or need assistance applying contact Groundworks:

- Tel: 0121 236 8565
- Email: HS2funds@groundwork.org.uk

The map shows projects in the T2G area that have received funding.

Projects in green have been completed.

Projects in blue are currently in progress.

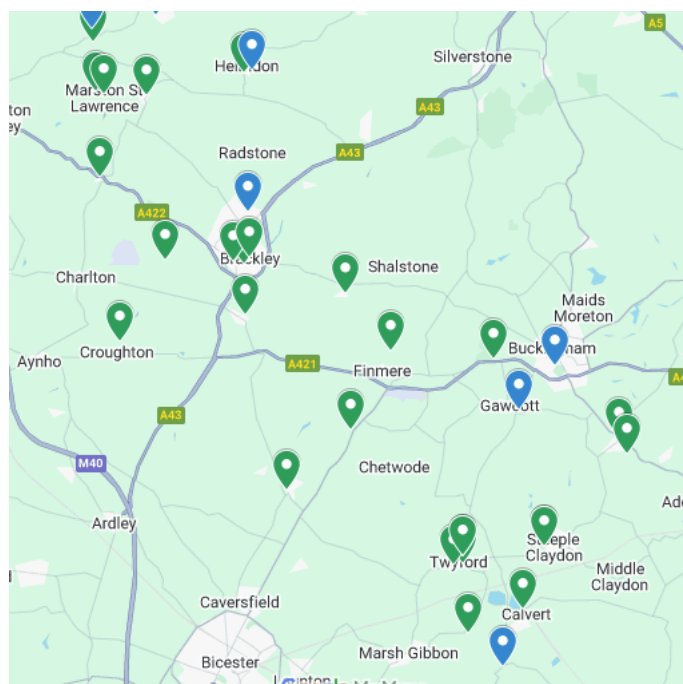
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Access HS2 community and business funds website – scan below



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

The commissioner can be contacted on:
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

Find out if you're eligible for 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 our HS2 Helpdesk team.

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

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

Reference number: HS2-EKFB-25-1552

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 Email **hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

Write to:

FREEPOST
HS2 Community Engagement

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

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