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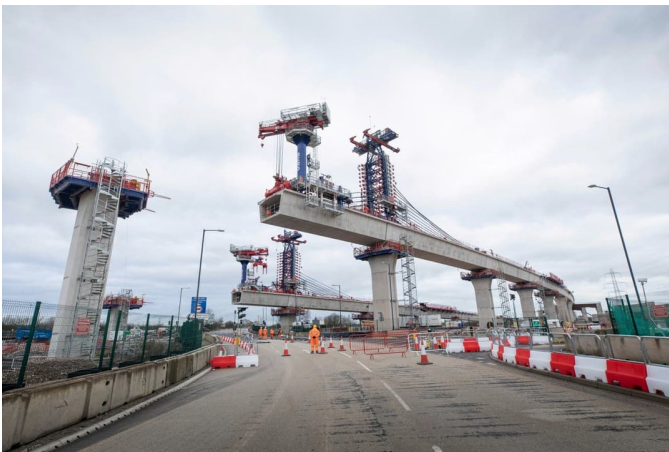
HS2 Update

North Warwickshire | Summer 2026

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high-speed railway for Britain.

This update will provide key information and news on HS2 works for North Warwickshire.

Water Orton Viaducts 1 and 2 successfully cross A446 Lichfield Road



Water Orton Viaducts across A446 Lichfield Road



Engagement event at Coleshill Town Hall

We have successfully completed a major milestone for the Water Orton viaducts 1 and 2, which crossed the A446 Lichfield Road during a seven-day road closure in February and March 2026. The works were completed within the planned closure period, allowing the road to reopen to traffic ahead of schedule.

The crossing of the A446 took place during a planned seven-day road closure from 23 February to 2 March 2026. A full closure of this busy arterial route required detailed planning and close coordination with local authorities and stakeholders. During the closure, the two parallel spans of the Water Orton viaducts were installed over the A446.

Through early community engagement, we ensured that all affected stakeholders were contacted, while minimising disruption to the local community and road users.

The BBV Stakeholder engagement team held a series of information events and an online webinar leading up to the closure.

These events were held for residents and businesses in Water Orton and Coleshill, alongside a community update webinar for all stakeholders. Across the four events, we engaged with a wide range of local stakeholders, including councillors and the local MP. We shared details of the planned road closure, traffic management, and construction activities, and provided an opportunity for attendees to ask questions.



Progress for key HS2 viaducts

Work continues at HS2's Delta Junction, one of the most complex parts of the route, where engineers have completed four parallel viaduct decks, marking a major milestone.

Water Orton viaducts progress over Christmas break 2025

At the northern end of the Delta Junction, the Water Orton 1 and 2 viaducts will enable southbound trains to access Birmingham Curzon Street and the Washwood Heath rolling stock depot.

Over the Christmas period, from 23–29 December 2025, our engineers used a five-day rail closure to safely install two parallel spans over the Birmingham–Peterborough railway line, with replacement bus services in place to minimise disruption.

With the rail crossing complete, work moved on to the next sections crossing over the A446 and the M42 motorway.

Once finished, the two single track viaducts will extend for around 1.4km, crossing railways, a river, local roads and the M42.

We will continue to keep you updated as work progresses.



Water Orton viaducts over the Birmingham to Nuneaton line

Watch the timelapse video of the Water Orton viaducts being completed over the railway.

[Click here](#) or scan the QR code



Deck assembly completed for Coleshill viaducts

The Coleshill East and West viaducts form the southern part of the Delta Junction, where the railway splits as it crosses a local road and the River Cole floodplain between the M6 and M42.

Two parallel viaducts will carry the four-track mainline running north and south, with two additional viaducts providing connections to and from Birmingham Curzon Street.

The Coleshill viaducts extend for a combined 2.4km. Their decks are made up of 1,024 concrete segments, manufactured off-site at Kingsbury and transported to site for installation. The structures are supported by 54 reinforced concrete piers, each up to 12 metres high.

Engineers used a cantilever construction method, installing segments one by one with temporary supports before strengthening the completed spans with permanent internal cables.



Coleshill viaducts crossing the B4114

Upcoming Works

Key activities planned in the area as we move into the next phase of works.

M42 Motorway twin box

The M42 Motorway twin box is a 300-metre structure that will allow the high-speed line to pass over a 130-metre stretch of the M42 between junctions 6 and 7/7a.

The structure is being delivered using a modular construction method, reducing the need for extended motorway closures by assembling large, prefabricated components off site. Works will now progress with beam installations, requiring four weekend closures on the M42. Three of these will be delivered jointly with the Water Orton viaducts, which cross the same stretch of motorway near Junction 9.

We will communicate more information on these motorway closures via a dedicated update in the coming weeks.



M42 Motorway twin box

Church Lane Overbridge



Church lane Overbridge

Construction of the Church Lane Overbridge is now complete.

Further works have been deferred following a project reset led by HS2 CEO Mark Wild, which will see some HS2 activity north of Birmingham be paused until 2030 to prioritise the section of the line between London and Birmingham.

A public drop-in event was held in Middleton, North Warwickshire, on 28 January, arranged with the parish council.

The event explained what the pause in

works means for the area and how sites will be managed. Residents were reassured that sites will remain secure and well maintained, with fencing, CCTV and regular upkeep in place. Feedback was positive, with many welcoming the opportunity to ask questions and understand the next steps.

We will continue to work closely with the community and provide updates on the upcoming works.

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 who 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:
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Alona's journey

Alona left Ukraine for the UK at the outbreak of the war and spent time volunteering at a local school while looking for employment. A chance encounter with a member of the BBV SEE team saw her join the business on HR placement, but in September 2023 she began as a Business Administration Apprentice. She passed her EPA in July 2025, achieving a Distinction, and secured a role as a Logistics Systems & Compliance Co-Ordinator.

Alona quickly observed that the values of BBV are upheld by everyone on site and she has praised her teammates for supporting her as she got to grips with the role.

"A placement is a great thing – it allows you to learn more about the company and gives you time to find your place."

Based in North Warwickshire



Alona Kuzmina

Logistics Systems & Compliance Co-ordinator

Our commitment to investing in local communities and the environment

As work continues across North Warwickshire and the wider HS2 route, we remain committed to making a positive and lasting difference for the communities and environments around us.

Supporting local communities through CEF and BLEF

The Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF) were established to support communities and local economies affected by HS2 construction.

CEF provides funding for projects that improve quality of life, enhance local spaces and deliver long term community benefits, while BLEF supports local businesses impacted by the works. Together, these funds help ensure HS2 leaves a positive and sustainable legacy along the route.

To find out more about CEF and BLEF, [click here](#) or scan the QR Code:



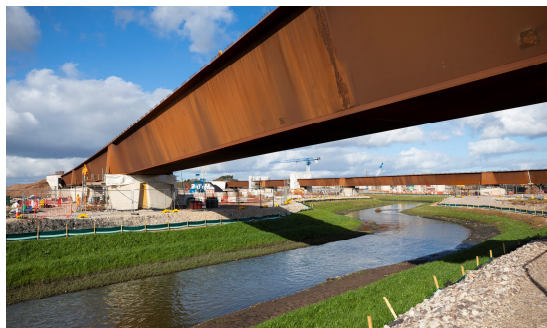
A recent example of CEF support is the Mary Ann Evans Hospice in North Warwickshire, which received £100,000 in funding for its Community Hospice Services project.

The funding helped deliver the Hospice at Home service for families in Coleshill and Water Orton, providing home visits, personal care, emotional support and end of life care across North Warwickshire and Bedworth.

Environmental and Ecology Mitigation across the HS2 Route

Our commitment also extends to protecting and enhancing the natural environment.

In North Warwickshire, this includes works such as the successful completion of a major realignment of the River Cole near Coleshill in 2025. At 749 metres, this is the largest natural river realignment on the project. It uses a re-naturalising design reshapes the river with meander bends and new planting to enhance biodiversity, reduce carbon and ensures climate resilience of the new railway.



River Cole Viaduct and river realignment

Our aim is to create a Green Corridor along the HS2 route, delivering new wildlife habitats, woodlands, ponds, wetlands, grasslands and community spaces that help integrate the railway into the surrounding landscape.

Through our landscape programme, we will plant 973 hectares of new grassland, 152 kilometres of hedgerows, 528 hectares of woodland and around 1.5 million new trees. Across around 90 HS2 mitigation sites, we are also creating new habitats such as ponds, grasslands, features for protected species and green bridges to help maintain wildlife connectivity.

CCS Audit

We are proud to share that the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) Audit for Mainline North took place on Friday 23 January 2026, with the team achieving a score of 45 out of 45, reflecting the high standards being maintained across the project.



Helping local communities across North Warwickshire

Our Community Investment programme enables us to support those communities most impacted by our works.

Water Orton Bowls Club

Having supported Water Orton Bowls Club previously, the BBV team returned to help remove the old, uneven slabbing and replace it with new slabs purchased by the club. With help from Gap Hire Group, who loaned a slab lifter for the day, volunteers carefully lifted the deteriorated slabs, levelled the ground, and installed a new pathway.



Water Orton Bowls Club – removing and replacing old slabbing

The improvements have transformed access around the club, making it safer and easier for members to move around the grounds. The club shared their appreciation, saying: *“On behalf of everyone at Water Orton bowling club we’d like to say, thank you for the excellent work undertaken by the HS2 team to lay the new path and build a hard standing area at the club. Not only is the quality of work outstanding but also the attitude of the staff who came to the club was exemplary. Their approach and attitude to the task was amazing, through politeness and care for the green and surrounding areas whilst undertaking the project and cleaning up on completion.”*



OPAL Play – Water Orton Primary School

We recently supported Water Orton Primary School's OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme by donating a wide range of surplus materials from site. The team worked closely with school staff to improve the outdoor play area, supplying wooden pallets, large plastic piping, trolleys, wooden off-cuts, and cable drums that can be transformed into open-ended play equipment.



BBV volunteers helping at Water Orton Primary School

school, the team helped create a more engaging and varied environment that encourages imaginative play and active learning.

These materials are already helping to reshape the space, giving pupils more opportunities to build, create, and explore independently. By clearing, organising, and setting out the donated items with the

The Headteacher shared their appreciation, noting the positive impact the improvements are having on pupils: *“There are already noticed significant changes in lunchtime play and I’m sure with all the exciting new equipment, we can get even more creative with what’s on offer for the students. Thank you so much to BBV for the donations, it is greatly appreciated.”*

Keeping local communities informed and involved

We believe building infrastructure goes hand-in-hand with building stronger communities.

For each session in North Warwickshire, we provided a valuable opportunity for residents to ask questions, discuss journey planning, and speak directly with the project team. Events like these play an important role in keeping our communities informed, and we encourage attending future sessions to stay up to date and to share your views.

Our community engagement specialists work across the route, providing updates, answering questions, and ensuring local views are heard. We hold regular drop-in sessions to share progress, invite feedback, and discuss any concerns directly with our teams. We also continue to work closely with community groups and local authorities to help mitigate disruption and identify opportunities to support local initiatives, including volunteering, fundraising, and providing materials or expertise.

Our helpdesk is open 24/7 – phone us on 08081 434 434 if you would like to speak with our team or discuss an idea.



Keep up to date on HS2 activity in your area

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

www.hs2.org.uk/local-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

Follow us on social channels



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

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