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

HS2 Update

Calvert Area | Summer 2026

EKFB Working in partnership with HS2

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high-speed railway for Britain. This update provides information about the main civil engineering works being carried out by EKFB in the areas between Twyford and Quainton. Our local website **www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk** is up to date with information on our works in the local area.

Shipton Lee Road reopens

In May 2026, EKFB completed the construction of the 120-metre-long overbridge and the 950-metre realignment of Shipton Lee Road in Quainton.

The bridge consists of green verges either side of the road to allow the bridge to blend into the natural surroundings.

The new road marks an important milestone in the delivery of HS2 and helping to maintain local connectivity whilst supporting the future railway.

Pictured: Edgcott Overbridge carrying the realignment of Shipton Lee Road, Quainton.

Drop-in event

We will be holding events throughout the summer to keep local communities informed about construction progress, future works, social value initiatives, road closures, traffic management and what to expect in the months ahead.

Date: 22nd July
Time: 10-1pm
Place: Botolph Claydon, The Mushroom Village Bar,
65 St Marys Road
MK18 2LS

Further dates and full details can be found on the HS2 website here:

www.hs2.org.uk/events

Calvert Area map

The map below shows the location of works in your area

Construction update

What to expect this summer

Location	Works	Traffic management
Steeple Claydon to Twyford Road, Twyford	Complete the highway realignment over West Street overbridge	Road closure from January until November 2026.
School Hill Overbridge, Calvert Green	Complete the tie in of the bridge into the highway and open to traffic	Closure of the temporary link road from the end of July until the end of August 2026.
Addison Road, Steeple Claydon	Complete landowner access	Road closure from September until October 2026.
Lawn Hill, Edgcott	Complete utilities work to accommodate FCC sidings	Road closure from July 2026 until January 2027.
Station Road, Quainton	Construct the overbridges, realign Station Road, and connect Fiddlers Field Road.	Closure until summer 2026 where the new highway will open to traffic.

Quainton receives 4 million tonnes of material by rail

The Quainton railhead has now surpassed 4 million tonnes of material delivered to site to support the construction of HS2. Using an existing freight railway line, the railhead delivers crushed stone from quarries in Cheshire, Somerset and North Wales directly to site. Rail freight is one of the most sustainable ways to move construction materials.

Pictured: Quainton Railhead – freight train material being unloaded for use across EKFB construction sites. March 2026

Moving materials by rail has been in operation on HS2 since 2020, with the Quainton railhead opening in 2022. This programme has saved an estimated 35,000 tonnes of CO_2 – the equivalent of over 116,000 single passenger flights from London to Rome. Collectively, delivering a large portion of our materials by rail has removed over 410,000 lorry journeys from local roads across Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and West Northants. The Quainton railhead is expected to bring another 1.4m tonnes of material for the HS2 project until 2027.

Social Value

Rolling up our sleeves for the Great British Spring Clean

The Great British Spring Clean is the UK's largest environmental campaign, encouraging communities to come together to help keep local areas clean and litter-free.

This year, EKFB proudly supported the initiative by volunteering to collect litter throughout Calvert and the wider area, encouraging a cleaner and more welcoming countryside for everyone to enjoy.

Almost 50 black bags were collected, just over 200kg of total waste.

The Calvert team will be taking part in a monthly litter pick so please let us know of any locations you feel would benefit and even better come and join us! Litter pickers are provided.

Pictured: Members of the EKFB team armed with litter pickers and ready to make a positive difference in the local community.

I'd Like to borrow bike scheme

Give your old bike a new adventure!

If you have an unwanted bike sitting unused at home, why not donate to the 'I'd like to borrow' a bike scheme which has been set up by Cllr Ashley Waite who looks after the Waddesdon ward.

Your donation could help someone gain access to transport, improve their wellbeing, and enjoy the freedom of cycling whilst keeping a perfectly good bike out of landfill.

Donated bikes are refurbished and given a new lease of life from a repair centre located at Buckinghamshire Railway Centre. No matter what the condition, we can help restore your bike and give it a new lease of life.

Contact Ashley Waite Ashley.Waite@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or scan the QR code to donate today.

Supporting local festivals this summer

There are some fantastic community events taking place across the local area this summer, and EKFB is proud to support them by providing equipment such as lighting, barriers, cones as well as contributing towards event costs. We encourage everyone to come along, support your local community, and enjoy the celebrations.

7 June 2026
Gawcott festival is a vibrant community event featuring entertainment, family activities, food and refreshments.

27 June 2026
'QuaintFest' is always a popular event that draws the crowds to celebrate the local village beer & music Festival.

18 July 2026
'CalvertFest' brings residents and visitors together for a fun filled day of live entertainment, activities food and drink.

15 August 2026
'Rock the Rec' is a highly anticipated, family friendly music event offering a mix of live music, food and drink, children's activities and various local stalls.

Community news

HS2 Community and Environment Funding

Are you a local community group or business that's looking for support from HS2?

The Community and Environment (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF) schemes will provide up to £40m of funding throughout the construction of HS2, supporting community-led projects.

The Funds also support initiatives that bring benefits to local communities, such as the provision of new community facilities or support for local heritage and culture.

You can find more information about eligibility and how to apply on the HS2 website. Alternatively, you can get in touch with your local Community Engagement Team to find out more information and support.

www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/community-funding/

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HS2 Project Update

The HS2 programme is being reset

Over the past 12 months, HS2 Ltd CEO, Mark Wild, has led a major project overview to scrutinise every aspect of the HS2 programme while boosting safety, improving productivity and tightening financial controls. In May,

The Department for Transport has released updated costs and timescales to complete the railway, which have been tested and assured by a panel of independent industry experts.

HS2 Ltd and Government will now focus on finalising a detailed plan to complete the remaining works as efficiently as possible and for the lowest reasonable cost.

The cost and timescale ranges:

- £87.7 - £102.7 billion
- First phase (Old Oak Common to Birmingham Curzon Street) complete by 2036 – 2039
- Full route (London Euston to Handsacre Junction) complete by 2040 - 2043

What benefits will HS2 bring?

- ✓ HS2 creates vital new rail capacity between London and Birmingham, providing faster and more reliable journeys while releasing space on the crowded West Coast Main Line for freight and local passenger services.
- ✓ HS2 is driving £20bn of economic growth over the next decade around its station sites and supporting a total of 63,000 new homes and49,000 new jobs in these areas.
- ✓ HS2 will be a central part of Great British Railways – the new national body responsible for trains and track – and play a key role in Britain's modern, integrated rail network.
- ✓ Passenger benefits extend well beyond the new high-speed route. Once the full railway opens, HS2 will provide faster connections to Northern cities, including Manchester, Liverpool and Glasgow.

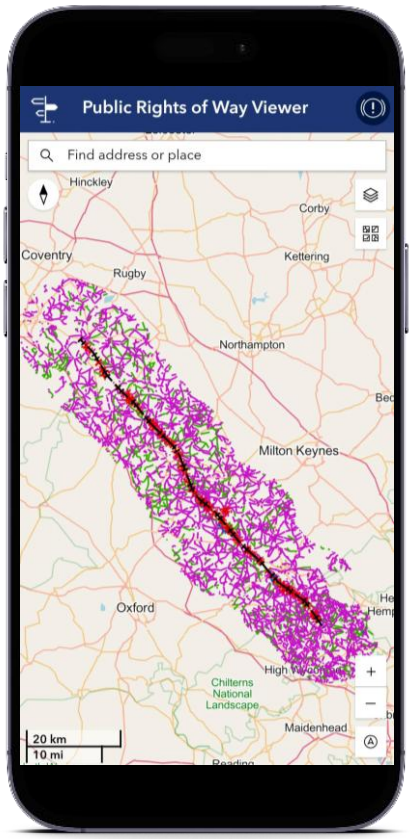
Over the past 12 months, the main works civils contractors have made great progress and have been productive with many notable construction milestones achieved.

You can read ore about this one the HS2 website via this link: HS2 marks a year of progress ahead of major reset

or by scanning the QR code.

EKFB launches new Public Rights of Way interactive map

This month, EKFB launched a new online, interactive public rights of way map to support its local communities to navigate through public rights of way closures and diversions along EKFB's 80km section of the HS2 route.



This bespoke map is designed to provide current* information on footpath closures and diversion routes, supporting walkers, cyclists and ramblers to plan their journeys between south Warwickshire and the Chilterns.

Scan me or visit prow.ekfb.com to check out the interactive map

**The map is regularly updated to reflect the latest information as construction works progress and routes change.*

Going for gold at the Considerate Constructors National Site Awards 2026

The EKFB team were highly recognised at this year's **Considerate Constructors Awards**,.

The CCS is an independent organisation that assesses construction sites on how well contractors **respect the community, care for the environment and value their workforce**.

In May 2026, four of our colleagues were delighted to accept these awards.

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

Contact us

Our HS2 Helpdesk team are available all day, every day. You can contact them by:

Freephone **08081 434 434**

Minicom **08081 456 472**

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

Write to:

FREEPOST
HS2 Community Engagement

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

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

www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk

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