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HS2 Update

North Chilterns Area | Summer 2026

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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 <http://www.hs2inbucksandbox.co.uk> up to date with information on our works in the local area

What's inside this newsletter

In this newsletter edition, we look back at recent progress on site, outline upcoming construction activity, and share the latest updates from across the project. You'll also find:

- Area map
- Construction updates
- Traffic management requirements
- Public Rights of Way interactive map
- HS2 Project Update
- Social value and community funding
- Community news



Parapets installed across the Small Dean viaduct in April 2026



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.

Date: 21st July
Time: 1-4pm
Place: The Lee, Clump Rd,
Lee Common, Great
Missenden

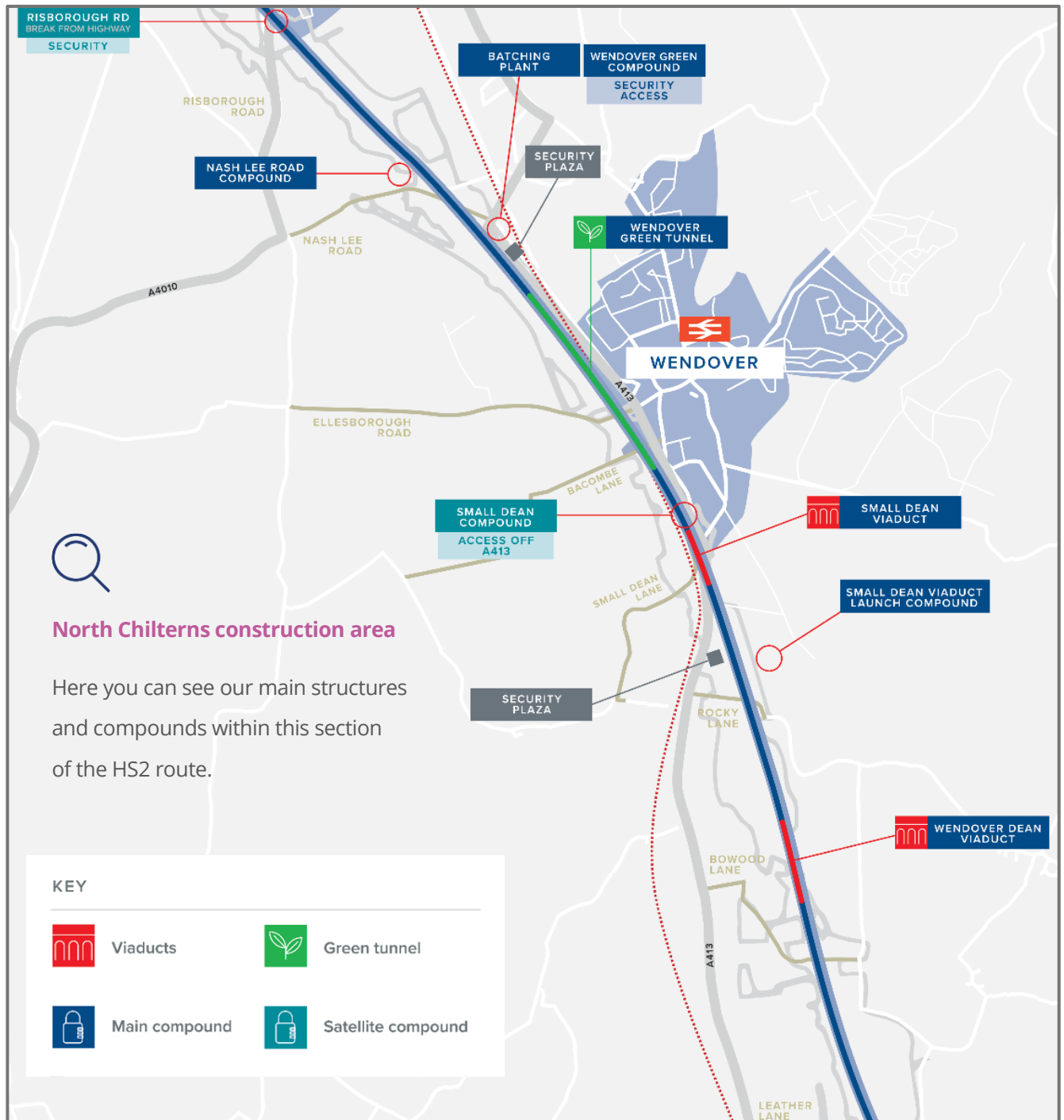
To find out where your next local event is taking place, please visit on the HS2 website for the latest information.

www.hs2.org.uk/events

Area map

North Chilterns area | Nash Lee to Wendover Dean

The map below shows the location of works in your area



Construction updates

What's been happening in the last few months?

In April, we completed the installation of parapets on the Small Dean viaduct, following a five-month operation. This phase involved works over both the Chiltern railway line and the A413, London Road, with a total of 228 parapets successfully installed. With this stage complete, the viaduct is now in use as a mass haul route for our construction vehicles, helping to reduce the number of movements required on the A413.

We have recently completed the installation of the spring chamber in the north of Wendover. The chamber is designed to maintain groundwater levels and natural flows around the north cutting and green tunnel. This work is a key part of protecting the local water courses during and after construction.

At the Wendover green tunnel, 75% of the total tunnel segments have now been fitted. Installation now moves beneath the Ellesborough Road temporary bridge. A self-propelled modular transporter (SPMT) will be used to lift and position the segments with precision, while working under the bridge.



Pictured: Small Dean viaduct in use as a mass haul route for our construction vehicles



Pictured: SPMT working at the Wendover green tunnel

Traffic management requirements

Over the next few months, we will need to implement temporary traffic management to ensure that we can complete all necessary construction activities safely for both road users and our workforce.

Below you can see a summary of what to expect in your area, further information will be communicated via email and the HS2 website (www.hs2.org.uk/route-map) and you can also come and see us at our events.

Location	Works	Traffic management
A413, London Road	Conveyor removal	Overnight road closure (3 – 9 July 2026)
Ellesborough Road	Vegetation removal	Daytime road closure (20 July 2026)
Rocky Lane	Parapet installation	Two-week road closure (27 July – 10 August 2026)

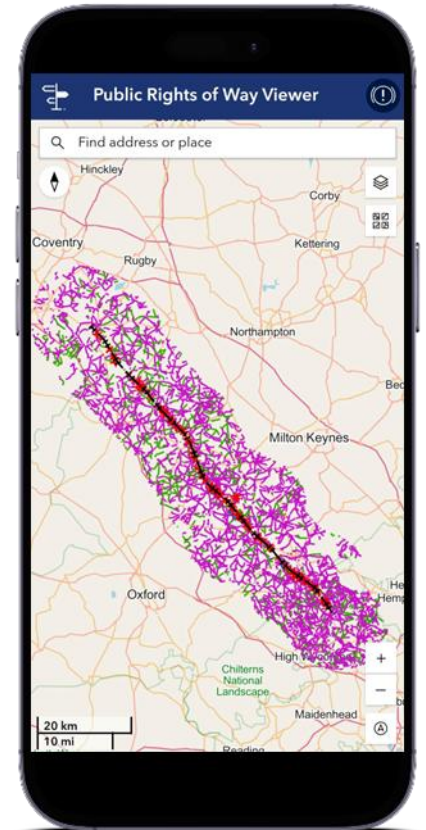
New Public Rights of Way interactive map

This month, EKFB launched a new online, interactive 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.

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

Scan the QR code or visit
pro.w.ekfb.com to explore
the interactive map



EKFB recognised as Considerate Constructor

The Considerate Constructors Scheme is an independent organisation that assesses how construction activity impacts local communities.

EKFB has undergone a series of evaluations and achieved strong scores, resulting in several awards.

To achieve these awards, the team's scored high on the reporting criteria, achieving 'Outstanding' and 'Excellent' standards from across three pillars: Workforce, Environment and Community.



Pictured: Four EKFB colleagues attended the Considerate Constructors Scheme awards ceremony to receive these on behalf of the project, May 2026.

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.

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 and 49,000 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 more about this on the HS2 website via this link: [HS2 marks a year of progress ahead of major reset](#) or by scanning the QR code.



Social value and community work

Great British Spring Clean

In March and April, teams across the EKFB route took part in the 'Great British Spring Clean', which is run by the charity 'Keep Britain Tidy'. Including a clean-up in Wendover, almost 50 black bags were collected, just over 200kg of total waste.



EKFB team taking part in the 'Great British Spring Clean'

Supporting local organisations

Over the last few months, we have helped support local organisations and projects in the area, including Wendover Shed, Ride Chartridge, YardFest Wendover, and The Lee Flower Show. This has involved sponsoring their events and providing logistical support.



Ride Chartridge cycling event, May 2026

HS2 Community and Environment Funding



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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/

Community news

Community events in your area

We regularly hold events throughout the year, visiting communities along the route. You may spot our mobile visitor centre (MVC) in your area during our event season.

These visits are a great opportunity to share the latest updates on construction progress, project timelines, and the social value projects we are delivering locally.

Our team will be available to discuss traffic and transport, programme updates and answer any questions you may have.

We have an exciting programme of community visits planned, details of which can be found on the HS2 events page.

If you are interested in the MVC coming to your local area, please get in touch with the HS2 helpdesk.



Pictured: The engagement team at our mobile visitor centre event in Stoke Mandeville

Join us on a site visit!

We offer regular opportunities for residents and community groups to join our monthly site tours, providing a chance to see our works up close and gain a better understanding of the progress being made.

During these visits, you will receive an update on the current stage of construction and can speak directly with our team, ask questions, and learn more about the work taking place in your area.

If you would like to attend, please get in touch with the EKFB Community Engagement team at hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk to reserve your place.



Pictured: A site visit with a local group at the Wendover green tunnel

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-26-2134

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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