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# HS2 Update

Twyford to Greatworth | Autumn 2026

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Working in  
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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 Greatworth. Our local website [www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk](http://www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk) is up to date with information on our works in the local area.



## What's inside this newsletter

In this autumn edition, we take a closer look at new bridges being built around the Twyford to Greatworth area to restore connectivity across HS2. We also review our construction milestones for the next 12 months, including some key dates as well as looking at construction progress to date. You'll also find information on:

- Area map
- Construction updates
- Social value projects and community news
- Route to completion
- The new Public Rights of Way user guide video
- Community news



Pictured in July 2026: A view of Westbury viaduct, which was structurally completed in September 2026

## Drop-in events

We will be hosting events during this autumn. Please join us at one of our events to find out more about our work in the area.

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

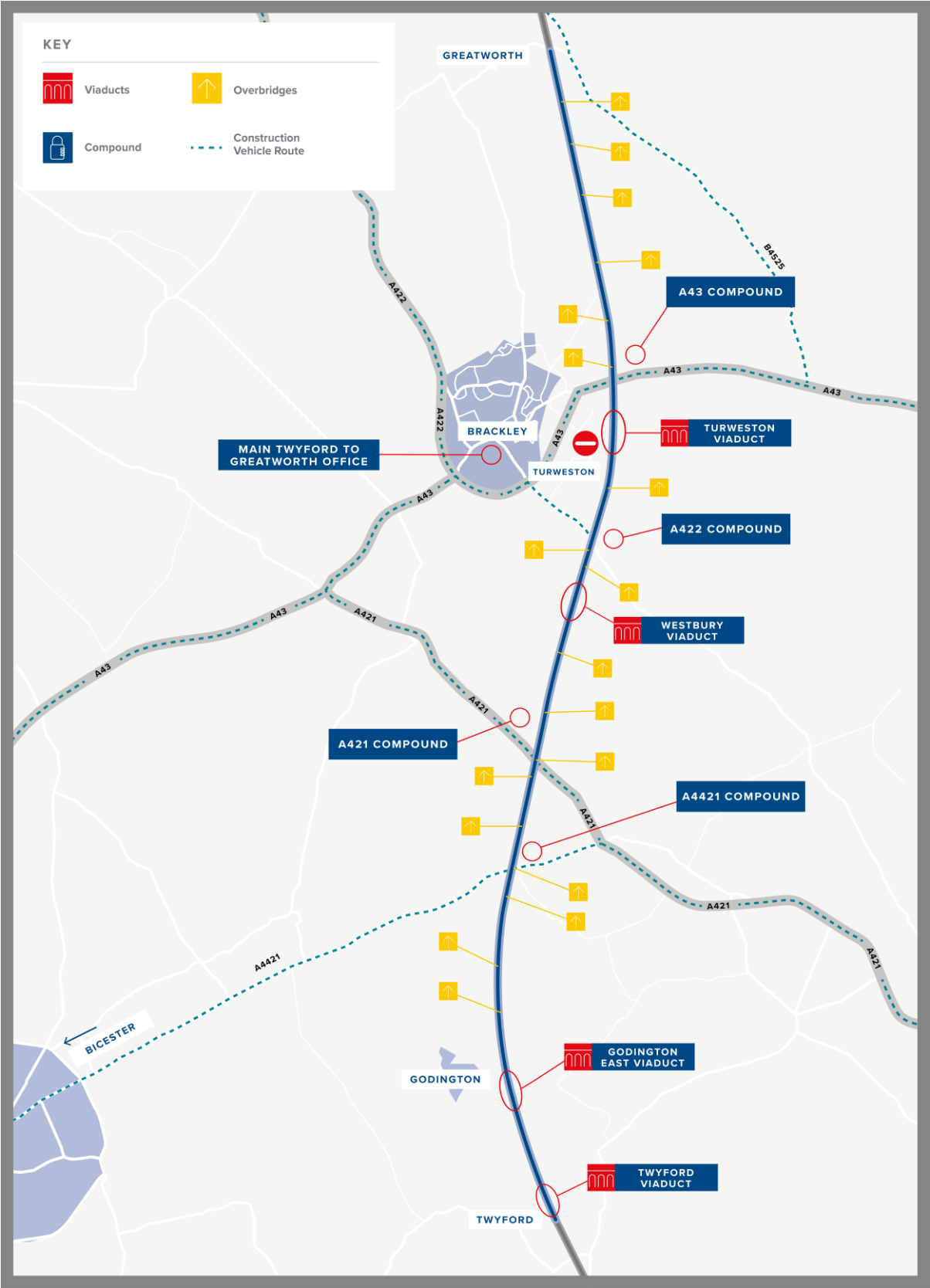


[www.hs2.org.uk/events](http://www.hs2.org.uk/events)

# Area map

## Twyford – Greatworth

The map below shows the location of works in your area



# Construction update

## The A422 permanent overbridge opened

We're pleased to have opened the brand-new A422 overbridge, marking a significant construction milestone which is restoring connectivity for the local community, commuters, and businesses in the area. To accommodate this exciting development, the temporary bridge that has served the area throughout construction is now closed and we will begin removing the temporary road and bridge. Our focus now is to complete final utility connections, install permanent fencing, and carry out landscape planting throughout autumn. For these works and for the safety of our workforce, temporary traffic lights may be required. You'll also start to see the removal of the temporary road and bridge.



Pictured: The A422 overbridge opened to traffic

## Completion of the Westbury viaduct

This September, our team hit an important milestone, the structural completion of Westbury viaduct, the longest viaduct in the Brackley area. The 320m structure will carry the railway across the River Great Ouse floodplain.

The viaduct has been built using an innovative double composite design that uses concrete and steel more efficiently than traditional construction methods, cutting its carbon footprint by an estimated 60% based on 2024 figures.



Pictured: Westbury viaduct

# Social value projects and community news

## Donations and sponsorship

During the construction of the new A4421 overbridge and road realignment, the old 'Great Central Railway' bridge over the A4421 had to be removed. Recognising the historical significance of the bridge, EKFB took great care to preserve its original coping stones.

Rather than discarding or crushing these valuable materials, EKFB made the decision to donate them to the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre.

These historic coping stones will now be repurposed to aid in the maintenance and restoration of the railway centre, helping to preserve an important piece of local heritage for future generations.



Pictured: Coping stones delivered

EKFB is proud to support our local community by sponsoring brand-new sports kits for the students of Finmere School.

This exciting partnership is part of our ongoing commitment to investing in the wellbeing and development of the communities near our project.

The new sports kits, featuring the school's colours and logo, are designed to inspire teamwork, confidence, and pride among the students - whether they're competing in sports tournaments or enjoying PE lessons.



Pictured: Finmere Primary School's new sports kit

## EKFB's route to civils completion – an update

The recent 'reset' of the HS2 programme, led by HS2 CEO Mark Wild, has given greater certainty over the construction and funding of HS2 and a clear route ahead for the completion of the civils work.

As the main works civils contractor for HS2 Ltd. in your area, we are working hard to complete the major engineering works ready for the installation of the railway track and systems.

Our engineering works include building 80 bridges, 15 viaducts, three cut and cover 'green' tunnels, the excavation and replacement of millions of cubic metres of earth and the landscaping, planting and fencing requirements as part of our finishing works.

This year alone, you will have seen overbridges, local roads and public rights of way starting to re-open, reconnecting communities along the route, with river diversions also being restore to their original condition. To quantify our progress to date, we are on track to have completed around 75% of our works across these three key areas: earthworks delivery, concreting activities, and viaduct and green tunnel construction, representing significant progress as we head towards the civils completion deadline between 2029 and 2030.

As physical works continue at pace, we'll welcome various construction milestones that you'll be interested in, as well as supporting our communities with social value initiatives, jobs and skills opportunities and regular engagement about the works happening in your area.

In your area, our focuses for ongoing works over the next 12 to 18 months are presented in the table below:

| Location                        | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| A43                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Excavation of temporary roads and railway cuttings</li><li>Final utility connections and commissioning with some traffic management</li></ul>                                                                                                    |
| A422                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Final works on the overbridge, including fencing, utility connections, and landscaping</li><li>Preparation for the removal of the temporary road and bridge</li><li>Track drainage installation and cladding work on bridge approaches</li></ul> |
| A421/Finmere                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Excavation of railway cuttings and material relocation</li><li>Installation of permanent security fencing and landscaping activities</li></ul>                                                                                                   |
| Turweston                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Excavation of temporary roads and material relocation</li><li>Parapet installation and deck waterproofing at the viaduct</li></ul>                                                                                                               |
| Mixbury/Twyford/Godington       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Embankment construction, drainage installation, and bund creation</li><li>Deck waterproofing and alignment works for bridleway overbridges</li><li>Permanent fencing and early planting activities</li></ul>                                     |
| Chetwode                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Landscape bund construction and early planting</li><li>Final fencing and verge finishing for overbridges</li></ul>                                                                                                                               |
| Newton Purcell/ Barton Hartshom | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Deck waterproofing and beam installation for bridleway overbridges.</li><li>Permanent fencing and early planting along the A4421 realignment.</li></ul>                                                                                          |
| Barton to Mixbury Cutting       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Piling works and the construction of noise barriers.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Featherbed Lane                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Final utility connections and commissioning, with some traffic management.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                             |

# Public Rights of Way interactive map

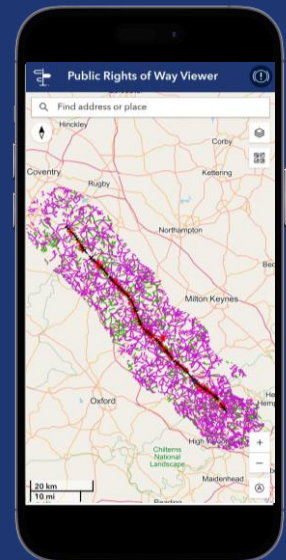
## A user-friendly guide to using EKFB's new Public Rights of Way Map

This summer, EKFB launched a new Public Rights of Way (PRoW) map to help local communities safely navigate the countryside while construction works are progressing.

Navigating the PRoW's in your area is simple.

Here's a quick guide on how to use the map.

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



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**[prow.ekfb.com](http://prow.ekfb.com)**  
to check out the  
interactive map



Scan me to view  
the User Guide  
video to get  
started



# Community news

## Join us for a site tour

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 the visit, you will receive an update on the current stage of construction and have the opportunity to 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 to reserve your place: [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)



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.



# 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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Write to:

**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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