

news

Jones Bros and Cambridgeshire County Council: working in partnership to deliver The King's Dyke level crossing scheme

Autumn 2021

With the ramps and underpass now complete...



On the road to success

WITH the ramps that lead up to the railway bridge finished, as well as the concrete structures in the King's Dyke Level Crossing scheme are now complete.

There has also been significant progress on the project's roads, with drainage and kerbing, the ducts which will house electrical cabling for street lighting, as well as footpaths now in place both north of the railway bridge, and west of the underpass.

Rhydian Hafal, construction manager for Jones Bros, said: "With the two major structures in place, our attention now turns to the roads which lead towards them.

"We're now well underway in preparing to lay the surface of

the road in these two sections. "Our first step is to remove a layer of additional material, previously placed to compress the earth down to the right level, before starting to place the

first layer of the road's pavement, which we refer to as the sub-base. "We look forward to continuing this good rate of progression throughout the autumn."

Do you have a query? Then get in touch

ANYONE with a query relating to the transport scheme can get in touch with our team via email or by phone.

Rob Rimmington is the public liaison officer and he is the principal site contact for the community.

Please contact Rob by email roberrr@jones-bros.com or phone 07741 846 393.

The site team is also working closely with community groups and the town council to help keep local people updated on the scheme's progress.

Copies of this newsletter will be circulated to homes near the construction site and will be made available to pick up for free at the local post office, council offices, and other public buildings such as libraries. It will also be available electronically on request.

THE King's Dyke level crossing scheme is being delivered by Jones Bros Civil Engineering UK on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council.

At present, the King's Dyke at-grade level crossing is located on the A605 between Whittlesey and Peterborough and crosses the railway line between Ely and Peterborough.

It has long been a local issue owing to downtime of the barriers which causes significant delays to traffic travelling between Whittlesey and Peterborough.

Work will include constructing a new road and bridge over the Ely to Peterborough railway line. The level crossing will subsequently be removed as part of the programme.

As with all the family firm's projects, it will be aiming to boost the local economy during construction, with opportunities for local suppliers as well as recruitment of apprentices and experienced operators. Established in the 1950s, Jones Bros' leadership team consists of members of the second and third generations of the founding family. It employs more than 500 people.

The company is currently working on contracts in various sectors including highways, flood and marine defence, waste management and renewable energy around the UK.

The company runs an award-winning apprenticeship scheme, which has produced more than 40 per cent of its current workforce, with many of its senior managers having started out as apprentices or in a trainee role.

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Survey on project communication

NEARBY residents and commuters are being given the opportunity to share their thoughts as part of a survey on the communications during the project so far.

Questions cover how people like to receive information, how often, and what it should cover, with the results

used to improve the project communications in the future. The King's Dyke project has already received awards recognition despite not even being finished.

Communications for the project secured two gold awards at the Chartered Institute of Public Relations

(CIPR) East Anglia regional ceremony in the integrated communications and construction and infrastructure categories. In addition, the print newsletter picked up silver for best publication.

The survey can be accessed here: <http://bit.ly/KingsDykeSurvey>

New public liaison officer

THE King's Dyke site has a new public liaison officer (PLO) in Rob Rimmington.

Having worked at King's Dyke as a health and safety trainee since August 2020, Rob is very familiar with the project and its importance to residents.

A graduate of the University of Salford's law school, he also studied engineering at college before working on a number of Jones Bros sites across the UK.

Outside of work, he coaches the first team and academy at Llandudno FC in North Wales, as well as at Cambridge United's elite development squad, which is part of the club's academy system.

He is also working towards his UEFA A License in coaching goalkeepers.

We would like to thank Tracey Cain, the previous PLO for her work at King's Dyke.

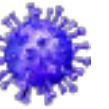
NEWS IN BRIEF

Tie-in work

WORK is set to begin shortly on connecting the new bypass to the existing road, with the first preparations poised to take place later this year/early 2022. There will be traffic management in place as part of these essential works, and whilst we will provide further details closer to the time, we wanted to give people a heads-up this work will be coming.

Coronavirus message

HEALTH and safety is one of the utmost priorities for Jones Bros Civil Engineering UK.



To protect its staff and local residents, we have put measures in place such as risk assessments and social distancing as well as doubled the size of suitable hygiene and welfare facilities on site. Staggered breaks will also be introduced as the number of people on site increases. Additional full-time cleaners are employed at both compounds, which is also subject to a one-way system.

Facebook group

STAY up to date with the latest information by liking the King's Dyke Level Crossing Scheme's Facebook page.

It is updated regularly by Cambridgeshire County Council with news and information from site including progress, recent work, upcoming activity and important traffic management announcements.

You can also view the latest opportunities for recruitment and supply chain partners via the page.

To find out more, visit: www.facebook.com/KDCrossing/

Recruiting now

JONES Bros Civil Engineering UK is recruiting for permanent key roles as work continues on site at the King's Dyke project.

To view and apply, visit the Jones Bros careers page at www.jones-bros.com.

Safety message

CONSTRUCTION sites are not a playground. Please do not trespass on the King's Dyke level crossing site.

In addition, please have patience in passing construction traffic entering or exiting from the site compounds.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: Suzie Hall, senior project officer, who has been a major part of the new rail bridge team from sketch to reality

'My sense of pride whenever I use new road'

Suzie Hall... a psychology degree before moving into a career in engineering.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE County Council's senior project officer has said seeing the railway bridge at King's Dyke make the journey from sketch to reality has been a real milestone.

Suzie Hall, 39, started working on the King's Dyke project five years ago. A psychology graduate who then took on a degree in civil engineering after

working on driver behaviour and road safety engineering projects, Suzie says she's also looking forward to using the completed crossing on her journey to the 5km parkrun events in Whittlesey and Peterborough.

"Seeing the bridge become a reality and take shape was a massive milestone for me. It's wonderful after five years of

work for the small team I'm part of," she said.

"We've had many meetings with Network Rail and other bodies to get to this point, and I've worked on all aspects of the project from planning, to risk management, design and finance, so it does feel incredibly rewarding.

"I volunteer at the Huntingdon parkrun, which I set up in 2004, but I also run on the Manor Fields 5km parkrun in Whittlesey occasionally with my little dog, and once completed, the new bypass will be on my route.

"There will be a real sense of pride whenever I use the new road, whether on foot or driving."

Log on and explore the site with CGI

READERS are reminded to explore an interactive computer generated image (CGI) web page, which opens up the King's Dyke scheme online, as well as provides a glimpse as to what it will look like upon completion.

The page aims to offer the community some of the benefits of visiting the site which haven't been possible during the pandemic.

Supporting education and increasing the accessibility of engineering is a passion of Jones Bros Civil Engineering UK, the contractor delivering the King's Dyke Level Crossing Scheme.

The web page, which features videos, maps, and latest site images, offers the chance to understand more about the project and civil engineering itself as well as learn about some of the individuals working on the scheme and their journey into the industry. The CGI web page can be found at <https://kingsdyke.jones-bros.com/>.

SUPPLIER SPOTLIGHT: X-COPTERS

A ST IVES-based photographer has spoken of his pride in documenting the whole project from above, starting before the first spade had gone into the ground.

David Brooks, 55, who runs aerial imaging company X-COPTERS, supplies video footage and images each month, to monitor progress and provide information to the site team.

His drone has flown the same path on each occasion, with the first taking place amid the very first stages of construction.

David said: "We spent three days on site initially, planning the drone flight path. It was difficult to understand where the road and bridge would be, and the whole thing was just marked by stakes in the ground."

"We fine-tuned it over a few months, and we've used some of the still images to give people an idea of the scale of



work that's going on as well. "In terms of traffic, I've been caught up going through the level crossing myself in the past, so it'll be great when it's done, but most of all, I'm really looking forward to stitching all the footage together so we can show the story of the project, from muddy fields to carrying vehicles."

Photographer with a bird's eye view



New committee chair's site tour

THE new chairperson for Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways and Transport Committee visited the King's Dyke project in September to see the latest progress on site. Councillor Peter McDonald, who was appointed to the role in June, was also interviewed by BBC Radio Cambridgeshire on the day.

Cllr McDonald and Jones Bros Civil Engineering UK's site agent Daniel Davies discussed the project with journalist Ian Child. The two spoke about the scheme's contribution to the local economy and the benefits it will bring to commuters, as well as the actual work taking place to build the new road.



U3A members during their visit to the King's Dyke site.

COMMUNITY UPDATE: DEFIBRILLATORS FOR ALL

Donation to make town even safer

THE chairperson of a defibrillator charity has said that Whittlesey is to become the town with the highest number of devices per person in the country.

Defibrillators For All, which covers Whittlesey and surrounding villages, will be receiving the defibrillator currently stored at King's Dyke by Jones Bros Civil Engineering UK, as it looks to ensure all its devices are easily accessible at a moment's notice.

Deborah Slator, chairperson, said: "These will be 24/7 unlocked cabinets so anyone can access at any time, as the British Heart Foundation recommends.

"Many around the UK are locked with a code which is obtained from a 999 operator, but any delay caused by getting

and remembering that code, which can be difficult in such a stressful situation, is unacceptable when every moment counts. "This donation will make a real difference. We have 48 devices in the town now, with two more on the way, which will make us the safest town in the country per member of the population."

Rob Rimmington, public liaison officer for Jones Bros Civil Engineering UK, said: "We're very happy to hear that this donation will make such a positive difference to those living near King's Dyke, and look forward to seeing the defibrillator installed."

For more information about Defibrillators For All, visit: defibrillatorsforall.co.uk



Deborah Slator, chairperson of Defibrillators for All, with Kevin Woolner of Jones Bros.

Engineering study group visits King's Dyke

A GROUP of engineering enthusiasts visited the King's Dyke site to view progress on the scheme's major structures.

The Peterborough branch of the University of the Third Age, a charity which promotes and enables education and study among retirees, toured the site and took the opportunity to quiz and learn from Cambridgeshire and Jones Bros staff.

Dan Davies, sub agent for Jones Bros, said: "The University of the Third Age is a wonderful resource, and goes to show there is no age limit on education.

"It was a pleasure to field questions from the group, and we hope there is a further opportunity to see them again."

Suzie Hall, senior project officer at Cambridgeshire County Council, said: "I was pleased to arrange for the Peterborough U3A Engineering Group to visit the King's Dyke site.

"We started with a short presentation about the project, followed by a Q&A session and then a walk around the site. It was great to have the retired engineers quizzing us on the technical parts of the project."

To find out more, visit www.peterboroughU3A.org.uk

Traffic management

JONES Bros is working in partnership with Openreach to lower some BT ducting at the western tie-in, close to Funtham's Lane.

This will require traffic management at the lane itself for up to three weeks, starting in November. More details will be shared in due course.

High level dates

November 2021 to February 2022 – highway construction works on northern and western sections.

January to May 2022 - Main works on tie-ins to begin.

March 2021 to December 2022 – final earthworks as well as highway construction works and completion of the tie-ins.

Further details will be published in future newsletters and at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/kings-dyke