

A47 Guyhirn upgrade

Monthly newsletter
January 2022

Progress on our A47 upgrade

Work continues to deliver the upgraded A47 junction with the A141 at Guyhirn. Once complete, the enlarged roundabout will make the junction safer, improve journey times, and reduce congestion.

What's next

This month we have been completing resurfacing work and repairing the existing road surface. The road will be closed from **8pm on Friday 21 January to 6am on Sunday 24 January**, with a signed diversion route in place.

Every Customer Has an Opinion (ECHO)

We are encouraging you to visit our A47 Guyhirn feedback tool to have your say about the scheme. The tool is an interactive map, where you can click on a location within the scheme and make a comment or give us your general feedback.

You can access ECHO at [A47 Guyhirn \(govmetric.com\)](https://govmetric.com).

Rear view – looking back on 2021



Clockwise, from top left: the Right Honourable Stephen Barclay MP visit the Guyhirn site, a speed camera used this summer saw the number of speeding drivers fall by a fifth, students from West Anglia College visit the site, and staff have their safety training improved by using virtual reality.

We achieved many milestones in 2021 and tried innovative ways of working on the A47 Guyhirn scheme. As the new road layout prepares to open this spring, we look back on some of our achievements:

- The Right Honourable Stephen Barclay MP visited the site (pictured above).
- A speed camera used in the summer resulted in speeding drivers dropping by a fifth (pictured above).
- We hosted several site visits with local youngsters to raise their interest in a career in construction (pictured above).
- We gained a near perfect score of 44 (out of 45, with five additional bonus points available) being awarded by the Considerate Constructors Scheme when measuring standards including health and safety, environmental care, and more, before going one point better with a November reassessment.
- We used virtual reality headsets to help train our team how to work in a safer environment (pictured above).
- We engaged with and employed ex-offenders from HMP Peterborough.

Name that bridge



Young people in and around Peterborough and Wisbech are invited to enter a competition to name the A47 bridge over the River Nene at Guyhirn.

The bridge is being refurbished as part of the National Highways £25 million upgrade of the roundabout.

Entrants should send their name idea with a short explanation to be in with a chance of winning a £25 One for All voucher and seeing their chosen name on the plaque at the bridge. Email your suggestions to a47news@gallifordtry.co.uk by Friday 11 February 2022.

A poster explaining the full competition rules is attached to this email.

True gritter – new vehicles hit the road



A total of 120 brand new gritting vehicles have been delivered to National Highways to help keep traffic moving this winter.

Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and parts of Suffolk have received 28 new gritters. The vehicles include state of the art technology so roads can be treated more quickly and up to a maximum of 50mph, 10mph faster than earlier models.

We want everyone to travel safely on our roads during the winter, so for more information and to find out how you can prepare for driving conditions in the winter, visit www.nationalhighways.co.uk/road-safety/travelling-in-severe-weather.

Bin your bra!

We have partnered with Against Breast Cancer and are appealing for your help.

We are promoting the bra recycling scheme at our Guyhirn site, where we will take your unwanted or unloved bras to raise funds for breast cancer research.

The same bras will also help to support small businesses in developing countries by preventing bras going into landfill and giving them a new lease of life in countries such as Ghana and Kenya, where bras remain expensive to produce.

And men can be involved too, because one in four men can also develop breast cancer. In 2019, about 2,670 men were diagnosed with the disease, so men, please donate your female family members and companions' bras too (just make sure you ask first!).

Just visit our Guyhirn compound and leave any unwanted bras at the gate for us to put in our special bra bin. Also, congratulations to Against Breast Cancer who were finalists in the 2021 National Recycling Awards.

For more information, please visit <https://www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk/recycling/bra-recycling>



Queries or concerns about the scheme

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