

# A36 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

A regular newsletter for residents and stakeholders in the Limpley Stoke area: Issue 4

## PILING PROGRESSES

The junction between the B3108 and the A36 successfully opened to light traffic on Monday, as the service diversions were completed on time. Although the road is open during the day, we will continue to close it daily from 19:00 to 07:00, to carry out the required piling work at Monkton Combe. We are creating a piled wall comprising a number of bored piles, each measuring between 10 and 12 metres in depth and 600mm in diameter, to replace the existing retaining wall. The piling at Monkton Combe has been ongoing this week and is programmed to continue into the weekend. Once the work at Monkton Combe is completed, we will be able to open the B3108 / A36 junction to single lane traffic, 24 hours a day. Piling work at Limpley Stoke will start this weekend.



The gatehouse due to be moved from Brown Shutters to Branch Road has, in fact, been relocated further north to Midford Lane. By doing this, we can restrict access to that which is only necessary for residential / business purposes. Gatehouse operatives were changed over the weekend and all have been briefed that road users with good reason are to be permitted access. Their role is to inform people which roads they cannot access and to advise as to the agreed diversion route. Whilst it is unacceptable for gatehouse staff to be unhelpful to members of the public, it is unrealistic for drivers to expect staff to write down individual diversion routes. Therefore, those wishing to use the A36 as a through route, will be turned around and re-directed to an agreed diversion route.

### SITE OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS

Should any urgent issues arise during the works, residents can contact an on-site liaison officer, who will be available on Tuesday and Thursday each week. The site office is located at the Canal Visitor Centre overflow carpark, which is just off the B3108.

**General enquiries should be directed to the Highways Agency Information Line on 08457 50 40 30. You can also send an email to: [customercare@area2.interroutejv.co.uk](mailto:customercare@area2.interroutejv.co.uk)**

Following consultation with the local highway authority, we originally placed restrictions on several small roads while the B3108 / A36 junction was closed. This was to stop commuters using roads which are unsuitable to carry large amounts of additional traffic. However, once opened, it was felt that the B3108 (Winsley Road) would be more widely used and the barriers at Ashley could be removed. Ashley Lane has remained closed, however, because a member of the public placed a large lump of rock, between the barriers at either end of the lane - making the road impassable to traffic. The rock was eventually removed, which allowed us to re-open the lane on Wednesday.

After taking into consideration the views of the parish council, local businesses and residents, many of which were conflicting, we have decided to replace the current Summer Lane barrier, with a more flexible alternative. The new, part-time, barrier will consist of a 4 metre lifting arm, which will be secured on concrete bases. The barrier will be down from 00:00 to 12:00 and will open again at noon. All existing signage on approach to Monkton Combe will be altered to indicate that the



road will be closed from 00:00 to 12:00. We will be installing five traffic calming "build outs" along the lane from Monkton Combe school chapel to the village hall. They will be staggered along the lane, allowing enough room for vehicles to pass safely.