

A36 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

A regular newsletter for residents and stakeholders in the Limpley Stoke area: Issue 7

Midford Lane Gatehouse Threats

Several individuals, claiming to live in Limpley Stoke, have recently been driving around the barrier on the A36 at Midford Lane. The unacceptable behaviour of these individuals has been abusive and the gatehouse operatives have even been threatened with a crow bar. Other road users' safety is also put at risk, as the culprits have been seen avoiding the barrier by driving on the wrong side of the road; potentially into oncoming traffic. The gatehouse staff are there to advise genuine through-traffic that the A36 is closed. We appreciate at certain times of day there may be a delay gaining access through the gatehouses, however we would ask road users to try to remain patient with staff. In response to the problems experienced this week we have been in contact with Wiltshire Constabulary, who will be making random visits to the area. Anyone caught avoiding the barrier may be liable to prosecution.

STOP PRESS

The night time closures of the junction between the B3108 and the A36 will now take place on Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd, and if necessary Friday 23rd May, from 19:00 to 07:00. The road will be re-opened to light traffic during the day. Overnight closures are necessary to provide sufficient room for resurfacing of the carriageway and footway.

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: customer care@area2.interroutejv.co.uk



One of the capping beams at Limpley Stoke

Works Progress

The pile cap at Monkton Combe has now been filled with concrete and painted with a bituminous paint, which is used for waterproofing and weather protection. This will allow us to remove the sheet piles that were installed to provide a piling platform and commence the brickwork. Whilst carrying out work to the retaining wall, our engineers noticed a section of the adjoining railway bridge, which appears to have been hit by a large object. To fully utilise the current traffic management we will be replacing approximately 7 metres of the existing wall.

At Limpley Stoke we have been cropping the piles (see below picture) to expose a length of the steel, in preparation for the 11 capping beams (see above picture) to be constructed on top. Each beam contains between 8 and 12 piles, which will be filled with concrete.



Pile cropping at Limpley Stoke