

A5117 Improving the junction at Deeside Park Newsletter Issue 2

Our Continuing Community Commitment

The Highways Agency's contractor Carillion made the first safety/project presentation at St Thomas Wedge Junior School on 26 March.

The main message they passed on to the pupils was safety and that construction sites are not areas for children to play in – however exciting they may appear. The children were very enthusiastic and participated by wearing some of the safety equipment required on a construction site

Jumbo Benefits

Along the length of the scheme, we have had to remove a substantial amount of hedging. An environmentally friendly incinerator was on site and ready to be used to dispose of the hedges but a better alternative became available.

One of the elephant keepers from Chester Zoo asked if they could have the hedges as they are the nearest thing in the UK to the acacia bush that elephants eat in the wild. We were able to deliver two large truck loads of hedges and so we were able to keep the elephants in treats for a few weeks! This certainly was a greener way to dispose of the hedges. We've since delivered more hedges and remain in contact with the Zoo.

Time to talk

The second quarterly liaison meeting with the local Parish Council was held on the 1 May. The meetings provide an opportunity for any local issues or concerns to be raised, suggestions to be put forward and for the community to receive regular updates on how the scheme is

progressing. The next meeting is planned for 14 August so if you have any queries regarding the work, please contact your Parish Council representative who can report them directly to the contractor's site office (address right) or the scheme liaison officer Mandy Stott.

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How we're getting along

Woodbank

Work at Woodbank is continuing. A lot of excavation work has been done and although the wet weather has caused a few problems with drainage in the area, work is on target to have the first link open in early autumn.

Lodge Lane

Work has continued on Lodge Lane bridge and structural work on the south side is now complete. Work has now started on the north side. The bridge beams should be in place by the end of July. This work will be carried out at night.

M56 End

Unfortunately work to Parkgate junction was delayed. However, the temporary diversion is now open to traffic. Digging work has started to enable the new A5117 to go under the A540 Parkgate Road. The excavated material is being used for the embankments at Dunkirk.

Working safely

Our construction site is well fenced and has signs that warn of the dangers of entering the site. Please help us work safely by noting all warnings and keeping children and pets away.

If you are visiting the site office, please note that a one-way system is in place.

The site has been registered to the Considerate Contractor Scheme, a national initiative set up by the construction industry, to improve its image.

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Safe driving at roadworks

Remember that tiredness can kill. Take regular breaks from driving.



During 2006 two workers were killed and 19 seriously injured in the course of their work on Highways Agency roads.

For the safety of all road users and roadworkers, when you are approaching roadworks:

- Keep within the speed limit – it is there for your safety.
- Get into the correct lane in good time – don't keep switching.
- Concentrate on the road ahead, not the roadworks.
- Be alert for works' traffic leaving or entering roadworks.
- Keep a safe distance – there could be queues in front.
- Observe all signs – they are there to help you.