### A483/A489 **Newtown Bypass** Project Bulletin 3: June 2017

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## **Update from Project Manager, Nick Cleary**



Now that spring is here we have increased activity across the project and are working longer hours to make use of the increased daylight and better weather. Our current site hours are 7am- 7pm Monday – Friday and 7am – 4pm on Saturdays. Whilst we recognise the longer hours may be an issue, we would stress that we are working to recognised codes of practice for Noise and Vibration to ensure our operations do not exceed acceptable limits.

I hope you'll agree it is in everyone's interest that we make use of the longer days and better weather to ensure we open the bypass as soon as possible. There have been some issues with dust but we have employed additional plant and road sweepers to address this. At present, there are around 170 people working on the bypass and we expect this number to peak at around 200 during the summer months.

The road is really starting to take shape in a number of locations now as we move some more of the 2.5 million tonnes of earth and rock into its final position to form the new road alignment. We are working in multiple locations across the site and have nearly completed diverting the water mains and electricity cables away from the path of the bypass to allow us to complete the tie ins and build embankments. At the Eastern tie in we have commenced work on the roundabout and the bridge over the railway line, you should see these take shape over the next few months. We are working in the centre section of the project on drainage earthwork operations. See photos below.

At Upper Dolfor Road we are working on the bridge deck now that the foundations and beams are in place and intend opening the new bridge this autumn. The bridge taking the new bypass over Middle Dolfor Lane is now well underway and the area has been transformed by the enabling works.

We have also commenced work on the new roundabout to the East of the Mochdre Industrial Estate which will form a new link for the estate to the A483. Between the A483 and Mochdre Lane we are building culverts and carrying out earthworks. Mochdre Lane bridge is now taking shape and the underpass to the East of the bridge is now complete.

The new bridge at the caravan park will be open in the next month and the tie-in work at Llanidloes Road will recommence once the watermain diversion is completed. The above works will continue over the next few months as we make the most of the weather and daylight. We will provide updates over the summer on progress.





## ROAD AHEAD CLOSED

#### **Road Closures and Traffic Management**

- The unclassified road at Mochdre Lane Bridge will remain closed until the end of June 2017.
- The Middle Dolfor Road will be closed from 15th May until the end of December 2017.
- Temporary traffic lights will remain on Pool Road at the western tie in for safe access during working hours until later in the year.
- Temporary traffic lights will remain on the A483 at Black Hall Farm for plant to cross safely during working hours until later in the year.
- Temporary traffic lights will be installed on the A489 Kerry Road for plant to cross safely during working hours from the middle of July 2017 until later in the year.

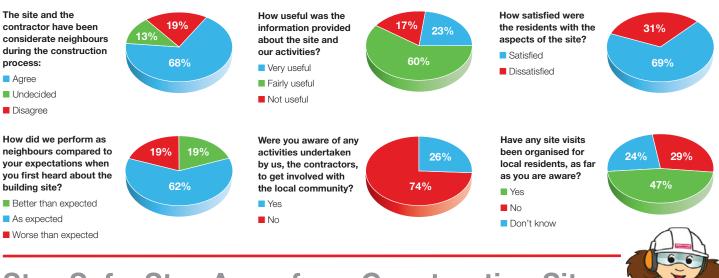
For further details please visit http://powys.roadworks.org

## **Results of our Resident's Survey**

We recently sent out a resident's survey. Of the 96 surveys sent out we received 34 back. Overall the responses suggest that local residents are pleased with how we are performing, however, there are areas we need to improve. We would like to thank the residents that

returned the completed surveys to us, the information you provided will help us going forward.

If you would like to receive a copy of the full survey results please contact our Community Liaison Officer, Gail Jones on 0330 041 2182 or email gail.jones@alungriffiths.co.uk



# Stay Safe, Stay Away from Construction Sites

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our younger readers about the importance of staying safe by staying away from construction sites.

Although construction sites are an exciting place to work, construction workers receive lots of training and support along with the correct clothing and equipment to help keep them safe on sites. Construction sites pose lots of dangers such as heavy machinery, electricity and deep holes.

Our mascot Sally Safesteps visits schools to advise children on the importance of site safety and she may be visiting your school soon. In the meantime, have a look at the signs below and see if you can correctly identify them.



#### There are 8 differences between the two photos of Sally Safesteps below can you spot them?





#### **Coffee Morning in Aid** of Cancer Research

CANCER RESEARCH

A Coffee Morning and Raffle in Aid of Cancer Research was recently held on site and raised a total of £154.00. The winner of the raffle prize (a family Sunday dinner hamper) was Mrs Fiona Williams, Upper Dolfor Road. (pictured right).



We would love to hear your comments, please get in touch with our Community Liaison Officer, Gail Jones gail.jones@alungriffiths.co.uk or call 0330 041 2182

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