

# Newtown Bypass

Project Bulletin: March - June 2016

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As many of you know Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd, (Griffiths) have been appointed by the Welsh Government to construct the Newtown bypass, we would like to welcome you to this, our first Project Bulletin.

We will be producing bulletins on a regular basis to keep you up to date with the progress of the bypass, as well as sharing with you stories from our work with the local community, schools and colleges. If you would like to receive future bulletins by email please let our Public Liaison Officer Gail Jones know via email on [gail.jones@alungriffiths.co.uk](mailto:gail.jones@alungriffiths.co.uk)



## A little bit about the scheme

Work on the Newtown Bypass began on Monday, 7th March 2016. It is anticipated that the scheme will be completed by March 2019.

The 6.53km scheme will follow a West to East route to the South of Newtown commencing at a new roundabout on the A489 Llanidloes Road to the west of Newtown. The new road will then cross over The Mochdre Brook and run south of the Mochdre Industrial Estate.

A roundabout will connect with the A483 Dolfor Road and provide a link into the Mochdre Industrial Estate. East of Dolfor Road it will then continue across agricultural land to the A489 Kerry Road junction and then to the Vastre and Dyffryn Industrial Estates before crossing the Cambrian railway, terminating at a roundabout on the A483 Pool Road East of Newtown.

Incorporating 11 structures, including a railway bridge, the new road will be a wonderful example of civil engineering which will take into consideration the environment and sustainability. The new carriageways will allow safe overtaking opportunities in both directions with the provision of a 2+1 carriageway.



## Want to get in touch?

We would love to hear from you

We have appointed a dedicated Public Liaison Officer for the Newtown Bypass Scheme, Gail Jones. You can contact her between the hours of 8am and 6pm Monday to Saturday, outside these hours or if Gail is unable to answer, please leave a message and she will get back to you.

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## An update from Project Manager, Nick Cleary

The construction of the A470/A483 Newtown Bypass began in March this year with the erection of site fencing and the commencement of the site clearance, this was monitored by our environmental and ecology team to ensure that no harm was caused to nesting birds, badgers, dormice and wildlife.

We also started to form the area for the main site office compound, commenced the service diversions along the route, carried out archaeological excavations in a number of locations, and started the earthworks for the western roundabout on Llanidloes Road. On Upper Dolfor Road we are constructing a temporary road diversion that will allow access while we construct one of the schemes larger bridges. There is currently a closure on that road to allow service diversions to be completed. Over the coming months we will continue with the service diversions, complete the earthworks at the western roundabout and commence structures at the caravan park, Upper Dolfor road, and in the Neath Port Talbot Campus area.

The offices for our main compound will be erected in July on Dolfor Road. We will move to them in August.

## Meet our Office Manager Michelle Jones

At Griffiths we are committed to the recruitment and training of local people.

We would like you to meet Michelle Jones who has been appointed as our Office Manager on the scheme. Michelle joined the company at the beginning of March and is part of a growing group of local people being employed as part of the scheme.



## Bringing Engineering to Hafren Junior School

The Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) Bridge to Schools programme gives schools the opportunity for their pupils to construct a 15-metre long, model cable-stayed bridge (the same design as the Second Severn Crossing). The bridge is made with plywood and aluminium sections, and once constructed, pupils get to walk across it!

At Griffiths we work with the ICE to deliver this educational programme. It enables pupils to construct a substantial structure using simple methods, learn about Health & Safety issues, take responsibility for their actions, develop team building skills, grow in confidence and self-esteem by taking part, and enhance their learning in a range of National Curriculum subjects.

This initiative really is a unique experience and provides an amazing insight into bridge building and engineering.

Delivering the Bridge to Schools programme is such an important part of our educational work, we hope to inspire engineers of the future through our works with schools. If you would like to find out more about engineering, and the ICE Bridge to schools programme, please visit [www.ice.org.uk](http://www.ice.org.uk)

## Current Road Closures

We currently have a 4-week road closure on Upper Dolfor Road which began on 31st May 2016, this is essential to enable diversion works and construction of a temporary road. We will be taking steps to minimise disruption wherever possible.



## Forthcoming Road Closures

We will be implementing a one-week road closure to Middle Dolfor Road beginning on Monday 4th July to allow diversions work to take place. We are extremely grateful for the patience and understanding that the residents on both Upper Dolfor and Middle Dolfor Road have shown us. We hope that by keeping all those affected by construction works up to date with progress we will help to minimise disruption and reduce any inconvenience for them. If you would like information on future Road closures, please visit <https://powys.roadworks.org/>

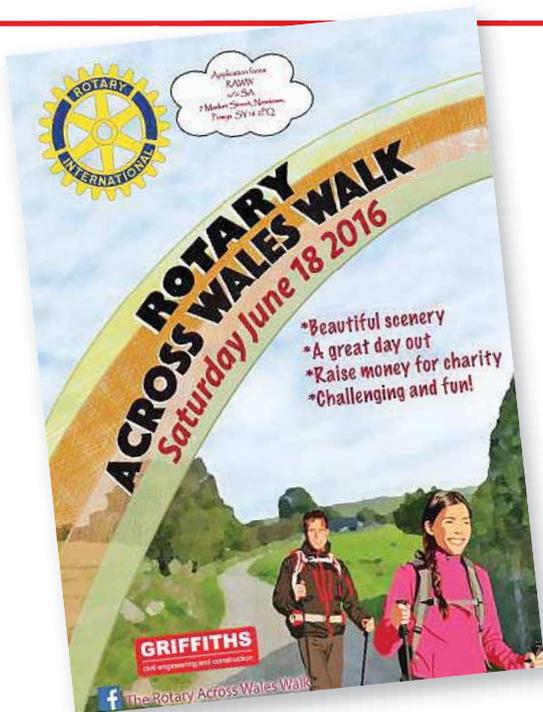


## Supporting local charities and fundraising

We are always looking to support local charities and fundraising events, and to kick start the Newtown Bypass we are proud to announce this year, together with our strategic partners on the scheme, we will be supporting the Rotary Club Walk Across Wales. The walk, which takes place on Saturday, 18th June 2016, will be raising funds for the amazing Noah's Ark Children's Hospital.



We will not only be helping to support support the walk but will be putting in a team to raise money for Newtown Scout and Guide Association. If you would like further information on the Rotary Across Wales Walk please visit <http://newtown-rotary.org.uk/>



We would love to hear your comments, please get in touch via our webpage [community.alungriffiths.co.uk](http://community.alungriffiths.co.uk) or contact our Public Liaison Officer Gail Jones on 0330 041 2182

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