

A483/A489

# Newtown Bypass

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# GRIFFITHS

civil engineering and construction

## Update from Project Manager, Nick Cleary



We have made good progress during the summer months and have been working everywhere along the bypass. We have moved a significant amount of the 2.5M tonnes of soil and rock to its final position and will continue with the earthworks until late Autumn as the weather allows. Drainage and other roadworks are progressing well at various locations and will continue over the Winter period.

We have completed Bridge 1 at Glandulas and 2 of the 4

underpasses and Bridge 6 on Upper Dolfor Road will soon be open to traffic also. Works are progressing well on all but one of the other structures and the photograph below shows the scale and complexity of the challenge in constructing Bridge 5 at Middle Dolfor Road. The structural steel beams are due to be erected



Bridge S5 – Middle Dolfor Lane

on Bridge 5 and Bridge 2 at Mochdre Lane before Christmas and this will require one of the largest cranes in the UK to lift them in to place.

Work will commence on the Pool Road bridge once the A483 has been diverted temporarily away from the bridge site. Works on the eastern tie in are currently being carried out to create the temporary diversion and this will mean that the roundabout on the Eastern tie - in will be the first part of the scheme open to traffic.

In general, we are happy with the progress to date and are on programme to meet our contract dates. We are still targeting a completion of late 2018 / early 2019 but there is still a lot of work to do before we can be more specific on a date. We have been considering what sort of event should be held to mark the opening of the bypass along the lines of a sponsored walk/ run/ cycle. We have already received some suggestions and several offers of support from local community groups which we are very grateful for. We will be giving this more consideration in early 2018 and will provide an update then.



Pool Road tie in works

**ROAD  
AHEAD  
CLOSED**

## Current Road Closures Traffic Management

- Temporary road closure in place on upper Dolfor Road until Friday 27th September 2017.
- Temporary traffic lights in place on A483 at Black Hall farm for plant crossing.
- Temporary lights/plant crossing in place on A489 towards Kerry until November 2017
- Temporary traffic lights on Pool road for the remainder of the year.

## Help us reduce our carbon footprint



We are always striving to reduce our impact on the environment, please help us to reduce our use of paper by receiving this newsletter by email.

Just let us know your email address by contacting our Community Liaison Officer Gail Jones on [gail.jones@alungriffiths.co.uk](mailto:gail.jones@alungriffiths.co.uk)

For each resident that chooses to receive the newsletter via email rather than post we will donate £1.00 towards local environmental projects.

# Enhancing early years role play at Cylch Meithrin Y Drenewydd



Supporting educational projects is something that we at Griffiths love to do and we have really enjoyed our latest project, installing a construction site in the existing outdoor covered play area at Cylch Meithrin Y Drenewydd.

Flying start setting leader Anne Griffiths told us *"the children at Cylch Meithrin look forward to wearing their donated Griffiths Hi-Viz jackets each day and are really enjoying digging and building in their newly decorated construction area. It really gives them a feeling of working on a proper building site and enhances their role play experience."*

We at Griffiths hope that this play project will inspire the next generation of young civil engineers.

## Raising money for Cancer Research



Staff on the Newtown bypass scheme got together recently and held a race night at the Monty Club in town. A total of £500 was raised on the night, and a further £140 was pledged by staff if the Project Manager, Nick Cleary agreed to wash some site vehicles! How could he resist?

In total, an amazing £640 was raised and donated to Cancer Research.

## Donation to help light up Textile Museum

Our Good Causes committee were contacted by Newtown Textile Museum seeking financial support to help purchase new lighting. The museum, which is run by volunteers and depends entirely on

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Newtown  
Textile  
Museum

donations, showcases the history of the textile industry in Newtown.

Griffiths are proud to be involved with & support

such a worthwhile local project. If you would like more information on the museum please visit [www.newtowntextilemuseum.co.uk](http://www.newtowntextilemuseum.co.uk)

**The Museum is located at 5-7 Commercial Street, Newtown and is open 12-4 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 10-4 on Saturdays until the end of September 2017.**



Joe receiving his award from Project Manager Nick Cleary

## Local boy Joe receives recognition for good practice

Newtown boy, Joe Mills who has been employed on the scheme since March 2016, as a storeman, has been recognised by his peers for his exceptional approach to Health and Safety in the workplace.

Joe who was previously unemployed has flourished since joining the team on the Newtown scheme, he has taken part in a number of training courses and has gained industry recognised qualifications. Joe really has become part of the team and is an asset to the company.

Griffiths is committed to engaging with local communities by looking to employ, support and train a local workforce which everyone can be proud of. On the scheme Griffiths currently employ 250 personnel, a third of which live in Newtown and the surrounding areas.

**Come and join us for a cuppa and a slice of cake, in aid of MacMillian**



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

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