

A483/A489

Newtown Bypass

Project Bulletin 6: March 2018

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Update from Project Manager, Nick Cleary



We have continued to make good progress since the last newsletter with real visible changes to the structures despite some challenging weather as you can see from the opposite photo.

In December, the beam lifts at Mochdre Lane went well and we were able to open the road a day early. We have also made good progress with roadworks

at Kerry Road and Llanidloes Road and have started surfacing both roundabouts.

Our focus over the the winter will be to complete the main bridges which will allow us to complete the earthworks when the weather and day light improve in the Spring. We will also be carrying out works at the tie ins and installing drainage along large sections of the Bypass so you should see further changes at Llanidloes, Kerry and Dolfor Roads soon.

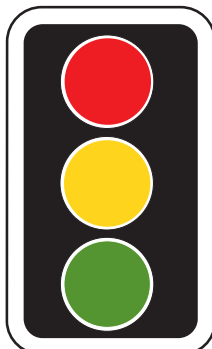
We are still on programme for completion in Spring 2019 but remain hopeful we can improve on this date. We will provide further updates throughout the year.



A very frosty Middle Dolfor Bridge, in December 2017

Do check out the latest aerial footage of the scheme fly through video at <https://community.alungriffiths.co.uk>, here you will be able to see how much progress has been made already. We will be uploading more videos throughout the year.

Current Road Closures Traffic Management



Current Temporary Road Closures

Middle Dolfor Road remains closed intermittently while we carry out works over head on the new bridge. The road is open in the evenings and when we are able to over weekends.

Hollies Lane remains closed to vehicles until March/April.

Current Temporary Traffic Management

We have intermittent temporary traffic lights at the following locations:

- Pool Road Roundabout.
- Lower Dolfor Road Roundabout.
- A483 at BlackHall Farm.

There are currently temporary traffic lights in place while we construct the tie- ins to the roundabout near the Glandulas Caravan Park. These will be in situ until the end of March 2018.

With this Project Bulletin you will find additional information relating to a forthcoming road closure at the Kerry Road Roundabout, as well as the diversion routes.

You will be able to find further information on our website <https://community.alungriffiths.co.uk>

Donation of Essential Hampers to Age Cymru, Newtown Branch

During November and December staff on the Newtown Bypass Project got together to raise awareness of the plight of some of the most vulnerable people...our elderly.

Staff donated items of food and toiletries which were used to make up hampers, which were then packaged up and delivered to the Newtown Branch of Age Cymru who then distributed the hampers to local elderly residents in need.

Griffiths would like to thank the staff at Age Cymru for their valuable advice and support of this campaign.



Pictured above L-R Freddie Hoare, Kyran Brookes (Griffiths) and Janet Pitcher (Age Cymru)

Construction Site Open Doors Week

Griffiths are taking part in this years Considerate Constructors Site Open Doors Week, which is being held from Monday, 19th to Friday 23rd March 2018.

This is a great opportunity to visit a live construction site, get to see behind the scenes, learn about the stages of the project. There are hands on activities and members of the construction team will be available to talk about their role on site and careers within Construction and Civil Engineering.

Places are limited and you need to book through the Considerate Constructors Website

www.ccscheme.org.uk/opening-doors-to-the-construction-industry



Dolfor Women's Institute Welcome Griffiths

Griffiths Project Manager Nick Cleary and Community Liaison Officer Gail Jones were welcomed by Dolfor WI recently. They had been invited to attend the February meeting to give a talk on the progress of the Newtown Bypass. The duo, who are well versed with addressing WI's, were delighted to have been invited. The informative talk was followed by a number of interesting questions and comments from the members.



Young Fire Fighters Receive Financial Support to Help Fund New Uniforms

Newtown Young Firefighters have received funding from The Griffiths Community Benefit Fund towards a new uniform. The young Fire Fighters, who are aged between 12 and 16 years old, receive training in operational drills, first aid, fire safety education, leadership and much more. The young firefighters meet every Monday at Newtown Fire Station.

For more information visit <http://www.mawwfire.gov.uk>



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

Calls to this number are charged at national call rates and included in inclusive minute plans from landlines and mobiles

Notice of forthcoming construction works and road closure

We are about to embark on a pivotal part of the scheme, the tie-ins for the new roundabout at the A489 Kerry Road.

This is a complex task as the design and construction of a new road must comply with current design standards and the design and implementation of any Traffic Management must ensure the safety of road users, the general public and our workforce. The new sections of road need to meet these standards which will effectively smooth alignment to make it safer to use. This will mean that the new road will be significantly higher than the existing in places which will limit the road width during construction.

In order to complete these works, we need to implement significant Traffic Management. There were initially two options available to us, however it has become clear after a number of discussions between ourselves and Powys County Council that option one, single lane working under traffic lights with a HGV ban for 12 weeks would cause significant disruption and issues on adjacent roads. This option was therefore dismissed, leaving us with the only available option a complete road closure either side of Lower Brimmon Farm.

We have therefore applied to Powys County Council for a complete road closure to carry out these works in a 2-week period. The road closure is currently planned from April 16th, 2018. Although, our current plan is to complete the tie-in works within the two weeks, the extent of the works will be determined by the condition of the existing carriage way and will be weather dependant. We will be working extended hours and weekends to ensure that the works are completed as quickly as possible.

We understand that this will not be welcome news, there will be an official diversion route in place and road users will, unavoidably and unfortunately, be inconvenienced for a short time. This is considered the best solution though to carry out the works safely with the least overall disruption.

As well as an open meeting held on Wednesday 7th March 2018 in Kerry Village Hall, we have held a number of consultations with Cllrs who's wards will be affected by the closure, and have further consultations planned with Newtown and Welshpool Town Councils.

Rhybudd am waith adeiladu a chau ffordd sydd i ddo

Rydym ar fin dechrau ar ran allweddol o'r cynllun, yr un sy'n cysylltu'r cylchdro newydd gyda Ffordd Ceri, yr A489.

Mae hon yn dasg gymhleth gan fod rhaid i ddylunio ac adeiladwaith y ffordd newydd gydymffurfio â'r safonau dylunio diweddaraf, a rhaid i unrhyw Reolaeth Traffig gael ei gynllunio a'i weithredu mewn modd a fydd yn sicrhau diogelwch defnyddwyr ffordd, y cyhoedd a'n gweithlu. Bydd angen i adrannau newydd y ffordd fodloni'r safonau hyn gan ddilyn llinell a fydd yn eu gwneud yn ddiogel i'w defnyddio. Golyga hyn y bydd y ffordd newydd yn sylweddol uwch na'r un bresennol mewn rhai manau, gan gyfyngu ar ei lled yn ystod yr adeiladu.

Er mwyn cwblhau'r gwaith hwn, bydd angen i ni roi Rheolaeth Traffig sylweddol yn ei le. Ar y dechrau roedd dau ddewis ar gael i ni. Fodd bynnag, daeth yn amlwg ar ôl nifer o drafodaethau rhyngom ni a Chyngor Sir Powys y byddai'r dewis cyntaf, lôn sengl gyda gwaharddiad ar gerbydau trwm (HGV) am 12 wythnos, yn achosi tarfu sylweddol a phroblemau ar ffyrdd cyfagos. Felly gwrthodwyd y cynllun hwnnw, gan ein gadael gyda'r unig ddewis arall sef cau'r ffordd yn gyfan gwbl ar y naill ochr i fferm Lower Brimmon.

Rydym felly wedi gwneud cais i Gyngor Sir Powys am gael cau'r ffordd yn llwyr er mwyn gwneud u gwaith hwn mewn cyfnod o bythefnos. Ein bwriad presennol yw cau'r ffordd o 16 Ebrill 2018 ymlaen. Er mai'n cynllun ar hyn o bryd yw cwblhau'r gwaith cysylltu o fewn y ddwy wythnos, bydd maint y gwaith yn cael ei benderfynu gan gyflwr y ffordd bresennol ac yn dibynnu ar y tywydd. Byddwn yn gweithio oriau estynedig a phenwythnosau er mwyn sicrhau fod y gwaith yn cael ei gwblhau cyn gynted ag sy'n bosib.

Rydym yn deall na fydd croeso i'r newydd hwn. Bydd llwybr dargyfeirio swyddogol yn ei le, ac yn anochel ac yn anffodus bydd anhwylostod i ddefnyddwyr y ffyrdd am gyfnod byr. Ystyriwn, fodd bynnag, mai dyma'r ateb gorau er mwyn gwneud y gwaith yn ddiogel gyda chyn lleied ag sy'n bosib o amharu cyffredinol.

Yn ogystal â chyfarfod agored a gynhaliwyd ddydd Mercher 7 Mawrth 2018 yn Neuadd Bentref Ceri, rydym wedi cynnal nifer o gyfarfodydd ymgynghori gyda chynghorwyr y bydd cau'r ffordd yn effeithio ar eu wardiau, ac mae ymgynghori pellach ar y gweill gyda Chynghorau Tref y Drenewydd a'r Trallwng.

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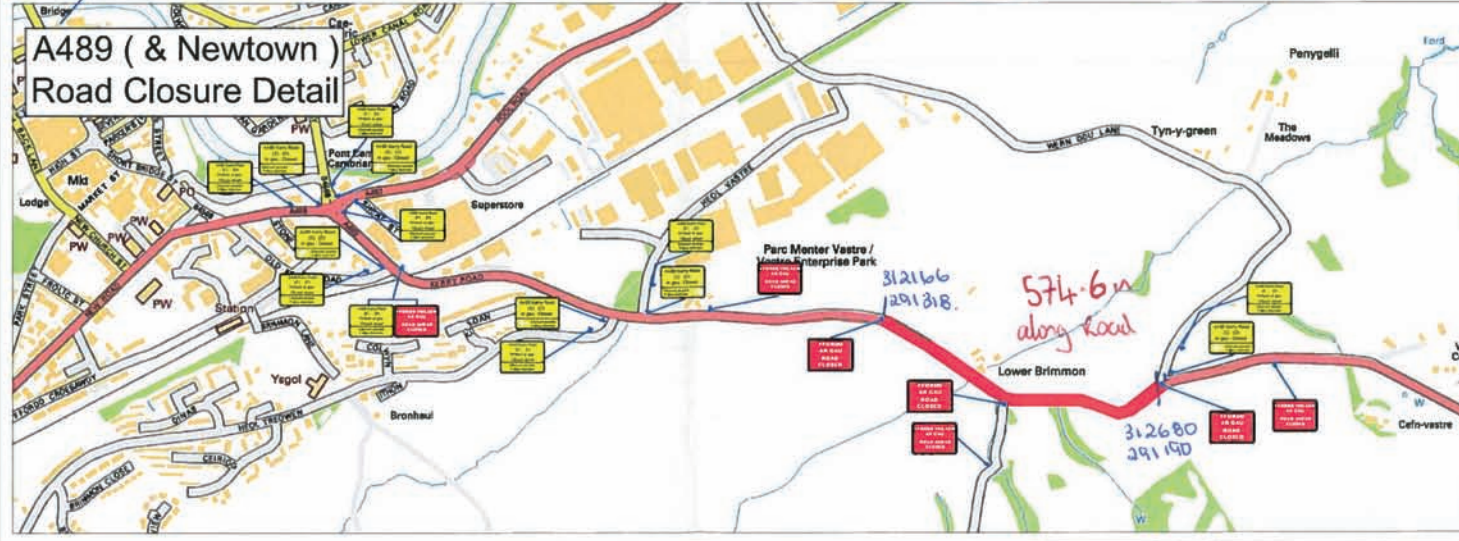
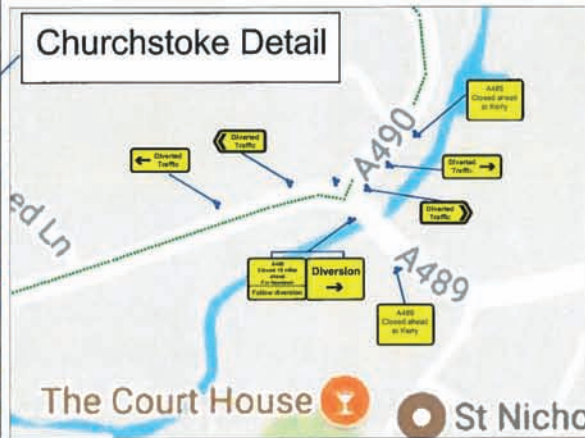
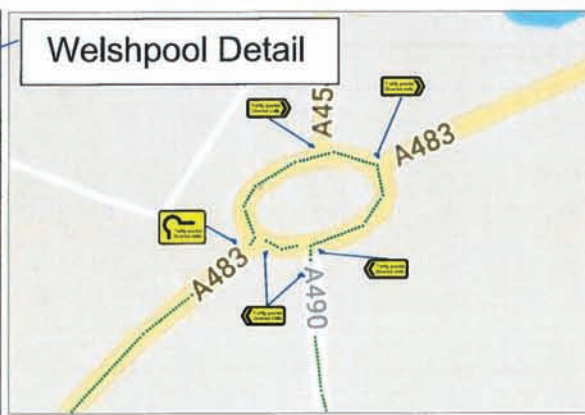
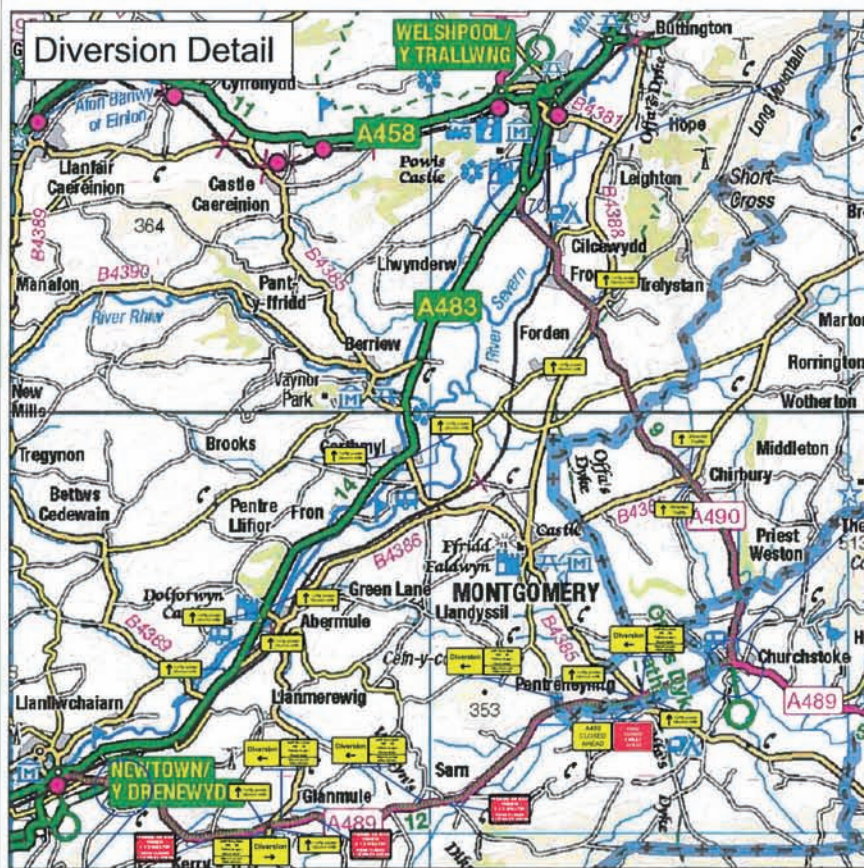
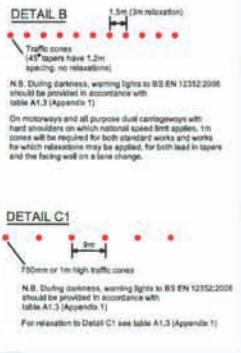
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Drawing: Traffic management arrangement for Road Closure and diversion of A489 Kerry Road, Newtown

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