

Poynton Relief Road

Construction Phase
Newsletter

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Keeping you up to date with our work on the Poynton Relief Road Project.

We are delighted with the progress that has been made across the entire Poynton Relief Road project in recent months, particularly with our earthwork operations due to the fine weather conditions.

Works Update

- Works to construct a piling platform on the south side of Chester Road will be carried out during the coming weeks. The works involve excavating down 650mm before 2,700 Tonnes of stone is delivered, laid and compacted.

When completed the platform will provide a solid foundation for the piling rig and associated equipment. 64 piles will be installed and are essential to the final construction of the abutments and wingwalls for the new Chester Road overbridge.

- Service diversions continue on Chester Road to make way for the new structure and mainline carriageway that will pass beneath it.
- Works will commence to construct 3 new attenuation ponds which when completed will manage surface water during wet weather periods, before naturally draining away into the existing water courses.

- The bulk earthworks have been completed due to the dry weather conditions during June and July. Profiling of the ground and slopes are now been carried out.



- Works will shortly start on the Lostock Hall accommodation bridge with reinforced steel and concrete works being undertaken to create the raft foundations for the structure.

The completed structure will provide a connection for the landowner and allow the reinstatement of the public right of way.

- The erection of permanent boundary fencing will take place on Chester Road.

Bee a Poynton Pollinator Project

The Poynton Relief Road Project Team was pleased to support the launch of the 'Bee a Poynton Pollinator' project, which saw new bee-friendly flowerbeds planted around the civic hall. The team was delighted to work with Poynton Town Council and key community groups to make their first pollinator project a reality.

The beds around Poynton Civic Hall haven't seen a horticultural hand for many a year with uninspiring and lacklustre planting – typical of what you might find in a municipal planting scheme from yesteryear. However, this new project hopes to bring a new lease of life to the area, creating a space that both residents and wildlife can enjoy.

Members of the site team removed the shrubs and cleared the site, including supplying a digger which was a great help considering the extensive roots that needed to be removed before any planting could begin.



The team along with Poynton Town Council staff then moved 17 tonnes of new soil over the beds to give the new plants the best start possible.

Poynton Baptist Church's Gardening Community then designed the amazing bee-friendly planting scheme for the beds, and it was a hive of activity with their volunteers planting the new beds.

The Heritage Garden Group and Poynton Twinning Association have also planted apple trees so there'll be 'food for free' in the autumn-time for years to come, with further support from Middlewood Partnership with the project as well.

The 'Poynton Pollinator' project is only just beginning, and will continue with the help of local businesses and community groups over the next year, helping to boost Poynton's pollinator population.



Dan Cawthra, Stakeholder & Communications Officer at GRAHAM says:

"We measure our impact not just in the quality of the projects we deliver, but in the longer-term impact on the environment, communities and people, so in this instance, we're really pleased to be supporting Poynton Town Council and their partners with this exciting pollinator project for the local area and look forward to the positive biodiversity results it will bring."

Cllr Simon Lees, Lead of Poynton Town Council's Village Improvement Working Group said:

"This is the start of a fantastic project involving the local community responding to a global problem. Pollinators are currently in decline and Poynton Town Council is proud to be introducing a campaign to encourage a better habitat for pollinating insects such as bees and butterflies.

We are working very closely with Poynton Baptist Church, the Heritage Garden Group and the Poynton bypass contractors GRAHAM to transform some of the unsightly garden areas to ensure our town is much more attractive to pollinators. I'm confident it will, in turn make it a much more attractive area for our residents too."

Adlington & Bonis Hall Lane Junction Improvement Scheme

As part of our works on the Poynton Relief Road scheme, we have been tasked by Cheshire East Council with undertaking the upgrade of two off-site junctions at the Adlington crossroads and Bonis Hall Lane, both of which are situated along the A523 London Road.

The main objectives of the project are to improve safety and traffic flow which will greatly reduce congestion at these busy junctions.

Works commenced on the Bonis Hall Lane junction in May with the following works now been completed:

- Site Surveys
- Archaeological investigations
- Site Clearance
- Erection of boundary fencing

The next phase of work on the Bonis Hall Lane junction will begin on 11th August, with further site clearance being carried out and the process of widening the existing carriageway, starting with earthwork operations.

The earthworks involve stripping of top soil, excavation, transportation, placement and compaction of approx. 8000 tonnes of material. These activities have to be carried out during the drier months and will be managed by 3-way traffic lights.

OUR COMMITMENTS

- Work with our neighbours to reduce the impact our work has on local business and the community
- Ensure the traffic management system is in place and maintain a safe working environment at all times
- Monitor noise, vibration and dust to ensure they are kept within the permitted levels
- Support the local community through employment, buying from local suppliers and proactive stakeholder engagement

CONSIDERATE CONSTRUCTORS SCHEME

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- Enhancing the **Appearance**
- Respecting the **Community**
- Protecting the **Environment**
- Securing everyone's **Safety**
- Caring for the **Workforce**



Poynton Stones Project

The Poynton Relief Road Project Team was approached by Jane Gradwell and Malcolm Adams who were looking to carry out a community initiative outside Poynton Town Hall.

The project known as Poynton Stones involved creating a display of decorated stones which had been prepared by local school children during the COVID-19 pandemic thanking key workers.

Members of the Project Team removed soil from the disused flower bed before concrete was poured, with the colourful stones been placed shortly after to form the permanent display. An information plaque has been added along with some flowers.



Jane Gradwell said:

"GRAHAM's involvement was very welcome. The installation had been delayed for several months, and GRAHAM's kind offer to help was just the stimulus needed to get it done."

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