



Project Newsletter
December 2021

A120 Little Hadham Bypass and Flood Alleviation Scheme

Season's Greetings

Welcome to the final edition of the A120 Little Hadham Bypass and Flood Alleviation Scheme Newsletter.

A significant infrastructure project for the county

The new 3.9km Bypass to the north of Little Hadham will alleviate congestion caused by the Little Hadham traffic lights and provide more reliable journey times.

Hertfordshire County Council have worked in partnership with the Environment Agency to develop the scheme which includes flood alleviation measures. New road embankments across the River Ash and Albury Tributary valleys act as flood defences to reduce flood risk to the village and other nearby communities.

The scheme will improve air quality in Little Hadham and also ultimately benefit the county's economy, with more reliable transport links to Stansted Airport alongside other long-term advantages for Hertfordshire.

Christmas comes early for the residents of Little Hadham

After decades in the making, Saturday 11 December 2021 marked a joyful milestone in the project calendar as hundreds of people from across the local community and beyond walked, jogged and cycled the bypass prior to its official opening.

The final few finishing touches are being applied and we anticipate that the bypass will be opened to traffic by Christmas.

We would like to thank Hertfordshire County Council, the Environment Agency, Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, construction and civil engineering contractors, GRAHAM, designers WSP and Arup and many more, for all their work in bringing this multi-million pound scheme to fruition.



Councillor Richard Roberts, Leader, Hertfordshire County Council (front left) and the Rt Hon Sir Oliver Heald QC MP (front right) cutting the ribbon.

A community celebration to remember

We would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who came to the official celebration event for the A120 Bypass and Flood Alleviation Scheme. Over 500 people registered to take part and either walk, jog or cycle with many wearing fabulous, festive attire.

The day began with a special reception at Little Hadham Village Hall attended by over 40 VIPs including representatives from Hertfordshire County Council, GRAHAM, the Environment Agency, Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership and the Rt Hon. Sir Oliver Heald QC MP.

The VIPs then joined residents on the bypass for the ribbon cutting, marking the start of the family fun event.

Meanwhile, back in Little Hadham Village Hall, the community was treated to a pop up exhibition all about the scheme. Everyone was invited to enjoy a well earned bite to eat and to learn all about the benefits of the new bypass and flood alleviation scheme. Representatives from Cotswold Archaeological displayed some pieces of the Roman pottery unearthed on site and members of the GRAHAM, Environment Agency and site team were on hand to answer any construction related questions. There were activity sheets for children and a wealth of hot and cold food to feed those who taken part in the big event.

Organisers ensured all parts of the day were COVID secure and thank you to all who followed the guidance and safety measures in place helping to make the event truly safe and enjoyable for all.

We'd like to give a special thank you to Little Hadham Parish Council and Little Hadham Village Hall for their support. We're delighted to announce that the celebrations helped raise £825 to help with works required to refurbish the popular Village Hall.



Cyclists ready and waiting on the start line.



A festive resident approaching the finish line



Representatives from Cotswold Archaeology showing residents artefacts found on the scheme.

Thank you

This scheme like many significant projects across the country, has been hit hard over the last 18 months. COVID-19, along with significant adverse weather have provided big challenges for the team.

During the construction period, there have been six 'one in ten year' extreme weather events. While the opening is later than initially planned, the continued efforts and determination to get to where we are today should be commended.

The celebration event provided a safe and enjoyable opportunity for the community to experience the bypass and learn more about the scheme before it opens to traffic.

We would once again like to thank all of you reading this, our final project newsletter, for your continued support.

We wish you all happy holidays and a wonderful New Year. Whatever you're doing this festive holiday, we hope you have a safe, peaceful and joyful time.



Thank you for your support: some members of GRAHAM and the construction team approaching the finish line.



Resident approaches finish line after jogging the bypass.

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