

National Highways

A14 Junction 47a - 49

Stakeholder newsletter

Welcome to the latest edition of the A14 junction 47a to junction 49 concrete road newsletter.

In this issue we provide an update on the work we've recently completed and what we're doing next.

What we've done so far?

Work to rebuild lane 2 of the A14 has progressed well over the last month.

We've completely removed the excess soil and finished laying the first sublayer using 3925 ton of strengthened material for the new road foundation.

Each sublayer was left for 7 days to cure for extra strength. Road users would not have seen much going on while it was curing, as no vehicles were permitted to drive on it. We started resurfacing work, laying the first layer of new asphalt on 7 July, with over 4680 ton laid to date.



We've now started work to remove the existing concrete surface from lane 1. We carefully plan our construction activity so that our workers have enough room and a clear area to do their work. We need to schedule our work activities carefully for safety reasons, but we'd like to assure customers that we are working as hard and as fast as we can to rebuild this road.

Our standard working hours are between 7:30am - 5pm Monday to Friday, with occasional nightshifts, as our current work uses construction material from a local supplier, and they are only permitted to open during these hours. We thank you for your patience as we rebuild this road. These hours will now increase as we move into the next phase of work and will include working during nighttime.



Working in the community

We're not just here to reconstruct roads. We actively seek opportunities to work with communities to help create a positive impact in the local area that could be using our resources to help out community events; engaging with schools to celebrate and promote careers in construction, training, and upskilling local people; or helping local projects and charities.

If you're a member of a local community group that needs support with work you do in the local community, please contact Vanessa via email at A14J47J49CCC@sisk.co.uk.

Book Donation



A donation of five signed copies of "The Legend of the Goose Girl" was made to Woolpit Primary school.

The Legend of the Goose Girl, written by Rupert Proctor and illustrated by Nathalie Madron, is a new folk story, set a long, long time ago and is for children 7 years and over. The books were donated as part of an earlier careers event our team attended.

The tale tells of the sweet but unfortunate Khalia, a feral four-year-old child, who finds herself having to protect her beloved geese from being captured and eaten by the despicable Count Badomen, the man responsible for her father's death.



Our staff on the project supported a careers event at Thurston Community College Sixth form in Beyton on Thursday 29 June.

They spoke to a group of year 12 and 13 students, giving information on the A14 reconstruction scheme, the various careers available at our contractors Sisk, and the pathways into construction careers, including apprenticeships.

Our team received great feedback on the day, with students asking lots of questions and becoming more aware of possible career pathways.

Tara Goldney, Thurston Community College Sixth Form Tutor said, "Thank you so much for joining our event yesterday. Our students gained much from your overview. Chatting to the ones interested in Apprenticeships today, they have a much clearer understanding of what is involved and more specifically what Sisk has to offer. Thanks once again."



Stamp it out

Road worker abuse is a growing problem on both the local and strategic road networks in the UK, affecting the physical and mental health and wellbeing of road workers on an alarmingly regular basis.

Past incidents have been severe: they have involved knives, shotguns and crossbows being pulled on workers as they go about their daily tasks.



We fully support the Stamp It Out campaign, which was launched this year.

The Stamp it Out campaign is a cross-industry project that aims to raise public awareness, encourage incident reporting and improve the legal protections for highway workers.

We've installed several signs across our scheme, highlighting that everybody involved in the scheme has the right to do their job without having to tolerate any form of abuse.



Keep in touch

Did you know we have an SMS (Short Messaging Service) which issues text messages when there is an incident that will affect your journey on this stretch of the A14 during morning or evening peak-time travel?

If there is a breakdown or a collision in the roadworks, we'll quickly send a SMS message to you, so that you can plan your journey.

Sign up for this service by sending your mobile number to:

ConcreteRoadsEastA14@nationalhighways.co.uk.

Keep in touch

You can visit our webpage and sign up for updates about the scheme at www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A14Haughley

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