



Work is progressing well on the A585 and as we head into the project's final phase, you'll start to see things taking shape.

Skeppool junction

We need to make some changes to the road layout at Skeppool junction. Week commencing Monday 27 February, we will reduce the capacity of Skeppool roundabout to one lane, so we can safely resurface the middle of the roundabout in preparation for switching the layout to a temporary signalised junction. To reduce disruption, the switch will take place overnight and we plan to have the new road layout installed for mid-March.

We anticipate that there may be delays during this period and advise that you allow extra time for your journey. We would like to apologise for any disturbance this may cause you.



Skeppool roundabout under construction

Skippool Bridge and Mains Lane

We recently switched traffic to a new bridge alignment, allowing us to safely demolish the old Skippool bridge over Main Dyke. As we approach spring 2023, we'll start to construct the remaining section of the new bridge and a signalised junction on Mains Lane where the bypass will intersect.

Lodge Lane

We continue to construct the underpass at this location and completed piling work before the Christmas break. We're installing the underpass bridge beams, kerbs and drainage on Lodge Lane and are on schedule to switch traffic from the temporary road alignment back onto Lodge Lane by summer 2023.



Windy Harbour junction

Driving along Garstang New Road, you may have noticed the construction of the new Grange footbridge. The bridge will provide pedestrian access over the new bypass to the village of Singleton and is designed to ensure safe crossing for wheelchair users.

In addition to the above, we continue to deliver a vast amount of other work,

including:

- Kerb, pavement and street light installation
- Drainage and gully construction
- Diverting underground services
- Ducting and cable installation, which will power the new traffic signals at junctions.



Community - A585 archaeology legacy project inspires the next generation

We recently launched the A585 Archaeology Legacy Project. This aims to connect young people with the archaeology on their doorstep and bring their studies alive through the wonder of archaeological discovery.

Through our Designated Funds Scheme, we're working with Oxford Archaeology, to evaluate existing resources and design a new, digitally innovative educational package. Oxford Archaeology's North office excavated the site of the A585 and found incredible evidence of Stone Age people living in this landscape.

The Archaeology Legacy Project aims to learn about educators' needs and expectations from learning packages. The team at Oxford Archaeology have been speaking to groups of people who are responsible for educating young people aged 18 or under; whether in schools or work, at youth groups or home.

They have also been speaking to local educators who are willing to take part in online or in-person focus groups to discuss this topic in more detail. Expect to hear more about the A585 Archaeology Legacy Project and how it will be used in local schools and colleges in the future.



Environment - A585 welcome some very special guests

Special flood ponds, created to ease flood risk during construction, led to some very special visitors last year.

Up to five Little Ringed Plovers were spotted at the site including these little fellas below. The Little Ringed Plover is protected by law and is listed as a Schedule 1 species in the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981.

The moment our tiny guests made their presence known, our site team took rapid action to stop activity at the flood attenuation ponds. This quick response meant that no disturbance was caused to the birds and we could create an exclusion zone, diverting operations to an alternative part of the project.

The ponds not only provided our feathered friends with a safe place to rest, but they also opened up an exciting opportunity for local enthusiasts to observe the birds from a distance.

Daphning Pierre, Environmental Advisor on the project said:

“Accommodating the Little Ringed Plover in the middle of construction demonstrates how environmental compliance is at the heart of A585’s operations. Kudos to our ecologists, planners, foremen and engineers who consented to stop construction works in the area until the birds migrated.”

We hope that they enjoyed their pitstop!



Get to know the team

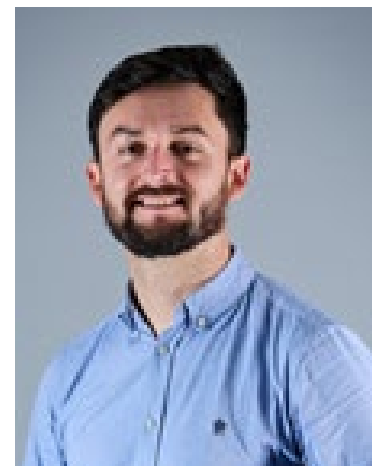
We would like to welcome Luke Geraghty to the A585 team. Luke joins us direct from the water industry as our new Community Liaison Officer.

What is your background? My previous experience includes working in facilities management for a water company, where I was managing contractors and services across many sites.

What do you do on this project?

As a Community Liaison Officer, I’m responding to customer queries and ensuring that all communications are sent out the public.

My role also involves arranging and taking part in social value events, such as beach clean ups, litter picking days, work experience, and anything that Kier can help with to give back to the local community.



Luke Geraghty

Upcoming information exhibitions

We'd like to provide you with an update on the project and allow people the opportunity to ask any questions they may have regarding the project.

Once again, we'll be using our engagement vehicle to hold public information events at the following location:

Lidl Supermarket, Clark Street, Poulton Industrial Estate, Poulton-Le-Fylde, FY6 8JW

Wednesday 22 February	12:00 mid-day to 6:00pm	Thursday 23 February	9:00am to 3:00pm
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Take me home, country roads...

We recently paid a Christmas visit to Alexander Care Home in Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire.

Community Liaison officer, Luke Geraghty, brought his guitar down for an afternoon of music and merriment, getting both the residents and carers singing and dancing along to the classics. The setlist included renditions of George Formby, John Denver and Glen Campbell's most iconic songs as well as many Irish standards.

The professional he is, Luke did his best to play everyone's requests, hey look even we're rhyming now - but left with a long list of ditties to learn for the next time.

The home's hardworking activities coordinator, Ian, is keen to have us back and was very grateful for our visit, along with the tasty treats we donated for their Christmas party. We had a lot of fun and are already looking forward to the next concert!



A585 welcomes Road Minister and local MP to site

Roads Minister Richard Holden and Blackpool MP, Paul Maynard, visited the site early in February, meeting the project team including apprentices working on the scheme.

This followed on from site visits by Cat Smith MP and representatives from the two local authorities,

who explored a newly constructed footbridge and underpass that forms part of the new 4.85km bypass in Poulton-le-Fylde.

Guests were shown the latest project milestone - 4,850 tonnes of basecourse laid down in between Mains Lane and Garstang Road East.



Roads Minister Richard Holden and Blackpool MP, Paul Maynard visit site

Have you noticed the Red X signal when driving on motorways?

It's there for your safety and it's illegal to ignore it.

The Red X sign tells you when a lane is closed, helping any drivers and their passengers who may have got into difficulty. It also provides a safe place to work for the emergency services, recovery operators and our road workers. Most drivers respect the Red X signal. But those who don't put themselves and other road users at real risk.

Sometimes a Red X signal needs to be set far in advance of an incident to provide access for emergency services. Or to help you re-join the motorway from an emergency area. When you

see the Red X, it means the lane is closed and you **must not** use it.

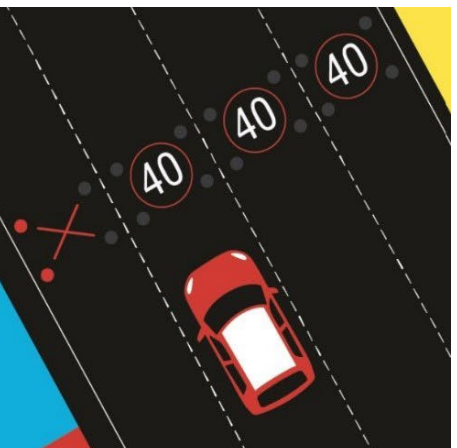
Please leave gaps in the traffic to let other drivers move into an open lane.

Signs will also show when the lane is re-opened. You may see a national or variable speed limit, or a message informing you of the end of the restriction. Do not move into a closed lane even if you've passed a hazard, as there may be other hazards up ahead in the same lane.

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Remember, it's illegal and dangerous to drive in a Red X lane. If you're caught, you could receive a fixed penalty of up to £100 and three points, and in some cases more severe penalties or a court appearance.

More information can be found in the Highway Code (rule 258) and The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.



How to find out more

To sign up for updates or to find out further information on the project, please visit our **website: nationalhighways.co.uk/A585-WH**
Alternatively, you can follow us on **Facebook: National Highways: North-West** or on **Twitter: @HighwaysNWEST**

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Do you want to share your thoughts and feedback with the team?

Visit our project feedback tool “ECHO” to have your say. The feedback tool includes an interactive map, where you can click on a specific location to make a comment or provide us with your general feedback, you

can access “ECHO” on our project website **nationalhighways.co.uk/A585-WH**

The ECHO customer feedback tool is available to provide your feedback. It can be accessed by scanning the QR code below, or visiting the following webpage: **<https://map.govmetric.com/A585WindyHarbour>**

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(24-hour Customer Contact Centre).

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