

M2 junction 5 improvements Site diary – December 2023

Work on site has continued at pace this month, as we come to the end of 2023.

Steady progress continues in the centre of the Stockbury Roundabout. And you have seen the retaining walls starting to take shape. These walls hide thousands of tonnes of earth that the new flyover will sit on.

The construction of these central flyover walls will be completed in early 2024, when we will start on the road itself.

Towards the end of the December, we re-opened the Church Hill crossover on the A249 south of Stockbury Roundabout. We understand the importance of this crossover to the village of Stockbury, so made sure we were able to open it ahead of the Christmas break. We'll continue to plan our work to minimise disruption to the local community and drivers, and will only use full road closures when absolutely necessary.

In the community

We're committed to making a real difference for the communities who live near our roads, especially where we're carrying our major improvements. And throughout December, we've been busy giving a helping hand to the community near M2 junction 5.

In Stockbury, we were 'de-lighted' to donate brand-new Christmas lights to help light-up the village green. Local pub landlord Chris Porter expressed his gratitude "I was contacted by the project team who kindly offered to pay for replacement lights, which are now in place and looking really good. Many thanks on behalf of all in the village".



Donations to local charities

We understand that sometimes people need a helping hand, especially at this time of year. We've made donations the [Maidstone Homeless Care](#) to support the work they do all year round to help those on the streets.



We held a collection in the office for a range of children's toys to donate to [Demelza Hospice for Children](#) in Sittingbourne. Each year the charity collects thousands of pounds worth of toys to give to the children at the hospice, that experience serious life limiting conditions.



Arriving in a site van rather than a sledge, the sack was overflowing with toys including remote control cars, board games and dolls.

You can find more information on our project website: nationalhighways.co.uk/M2-j5, by emailing the team on m2j5@nationalhighways.co.uk or calling our contact centre: 0300 123 5000, who will pass your details to the team.

We also run a monthly drop-in clinic on the second Wednesday of each month at Oad Street Food & Crafts centre, so come along and meet the team.