

M2 junction 5 improvements Site diary – January 2024

As we start the final year of construction here on the improvement scheme, there's already been some big changes this month.



Within the centre of the Stockbury Roundabout, work has been progressing on the new flyover. We've been busy building up and filling the retaining earth (RECO) walls that will support the new road, and allow traffic to pass freely over the roundabout. The last RECO wall is set to be installed in mid-February, marking a huge milestone for our scheme. These flint and cobble clad walls have been specially designed to fit in with the surrounding area of outstanding natural beauty.



You may have also noticed the start of our extensive landscaping. Throughout January and into February, our team of landscapers have been planting a mixture of native trees and shrubs such as Hazel, Hawthorne, and Holly. Over the coming months a total of 45,000 trees and shrubs will be planted around the junction, along with grass seed being sown on our verges and in the central reservation. In total, when we have finished our work on the M2 and Stockbury Roundabout, we will have increased the total area of natural habitat by 8.7 hectares (87,000²), the size of roughly 12 football pitches.



Sadly, soon after planting some of the new trees and scrubs were damaged or stolen. We're working hard to replant these areas and increasing security to prevent this happening again. We're also reviewing CCTV to see if we can identify any vehicles or individuals linked to this upsetting act.

Preparation work has also started at the bottom of South Green Lane for the

construction of the new link road to the Stockbury roundabout. Vegetation has been cleared and trees cut back at the bottom of the lane. Construction is due to get underway in March while the A249 southbound is closed.

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.