

Tyn-y-bryn Bridge Newsletter

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Welcome to the first edition of our project newsletter.

Balfour Beatty has been appointed as the main contractor to carry out works on and around the Tyn-y-bryn footbridge by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, with works procured through the Scape Civil Engineering and Infrastructure Framework.

Back in February 2020, the UK was hit by unprecedented weather in the form of Storm Dennis. Storm Dennis caused severe flooding and major damage to thousands of properties, rail and road networks, businesses, and our natural environment.

With the storm causing rivers to be swollen, the River Ely (which runs through Tonyrefail) caused significant erosion to the river embankments including around the Tyn-y-bryn footbridge.

With this regular newsletter, we hope to keep you up-to-date with all the latest news on the project as we work to realign the river channel, repair the embankment, and replace the Tyn-y-bryn footbridge which provides a key link between Park Lane and Tynybryn Road.

Alongside these works, we will be constructing small weirs within the river to help control the flow of water. These weirs will also help to provide areas for fish to rest while they are migrating up the river.

In addition, there will also be associated works to the footpath and street lighting.

The project is now well underway and significant progress has already been made. The original bridge has been removed and over 100 block stones – each weighing over two tonnes – have so far been installed to the river embankments.

Weather depending, we anticipate that the new footbridge will be installed later this year with the project fully complete over the winter.

Our site team

We have a fantastic team of professionals delivering this project from Engineers and Surveyors, to Project Managers and Ecologists.

Dean Whitehead, Balfour Beatty's Works Manager, said: "We're delighted to be undertaking this project for your community.

"However, we are aware that this project may cause some disruption and we would like to apologise for any inconvenience you may experience.

"We are committed to act as a responsible and considerate neighbour - we will keep any disruption to a minimum and work with you to be the best neighbours we can be. However, if you have any concerns, please do speak to a member of our site team and we'll do our best to help."



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Keeping the community moving - free replacement bus service

Until the new footbridge is installed later this year, Rhondda Cynon Taf Council is offering a free shuttle bus service to take residents between Tynybryn Road and Mill Street to maintain access to Park Lane Surgery and to the pharmacy. Look out for the bus below as it travels along its route.



The service is running from 8am – 6.20pm, Monday to Friday (except bank holidays).

It picks up and drops off at bus stops on Tynybryn Road, Francis Street, Tylchawen Terrace, Mill Street, Waunrhydd Road and Glifach Road.

The departure times from Tynybryn Road and Mill Street are shown below:

From Tynybryn Road (outside Tynybryn Stores)	From Mill Street (near junction with Park Lane)
8 am	8.20 am
8.40 am	9 am
9.20 am	9.40 am
10 am	10.20 am
10.40 am	11 am
11.20 am	11.40 am
12 noon	12.20 pm
12.40 pm	1 pm
1.20 pm	1.40 pm
2 pm	2.20 pm
2.40 pm	3 pm
3.20 pm	3.40 pm
4 pm	4.20 pm
4.40 pm	5 pm
5.20 pm	5.40 pm
6 pm	6.20 pm

Bridging the gap!

In June, the original footbridge was broken up and removed from the site.

Once we've realigned the river channel and repaired the embankments, we will then prepare the ground for the arrival of the new bridge.

The new bridge is being designed and built off site ready to be lifted in to position later this year.

The new bridge will be fully accessible and will be over 11 meters long and 3.5 meters wide.



The above photo shows the bridge just before it was removed.

In the photo below you can see what the area currently looks like with the team working to install the new block stones into the embankments with the help of some heavy machinery.



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