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Information sheet for Newcastleton residents – Dawston Bridge works and B6357 road improvements update

This information sheet is designed to give you details about the Council's ongoing repairs to the Dawston Bridge and outline further work that will be taking place along the B6357 road in the coming months.

We hope you find the information below useful and we would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we carry out this significant programme of works to ensure the infrastructure in your area is as robust as possible for the future.

Dawston Bridge works update

As you will be aware, the B6357 road at Dawston Bridge near Newcastleton was closed on Tuesday 21 July for around 10 weeks to carry out major repairs and refurbishment of the bridge which was badly damaged by flooding that affected the area back in February.

A significant milestone has now been reached as phase one of the works nears completion.

This has involved the removal of the existing damaged concrete/timber bridge invert and the casting of a new concrete one incorporating a fish passage.

In total around 240 tonnes of concrete has been cast.

This phase was hampered and slightly delayed by the heavy rain that was experienced

during the last couple of weeks, however, the bridge is now better protected against future flood events and is more fish friendly.

As the finishing touches are made to phase one, the works now move onto phase two which will see significant parts of the bridge taken down and rebuilt.



We are actively working to minimise disruption to the community and we appreciate your patience while works are ongoing and the bridge remains closed. We will provide further updates as we progress through the scheme.

Diversion

Please remember that while the B6357 is closed, official diversions are in place. Motorists are advised to use both the A7 and A6088 to and from Newcastleton.

Additional works

The Dawston Bridge repairs are part of a significant investment along the B6357, which is of course a vital link for the community in Newcastleton.

Once the bridge works are completed three further closures of the road will be required:

- Burnmouth Lodge – full road closure (late September, exact dates to be confirmed) lasting one week: This will allow carriageway repairs to take place.
- Riccarton - daytime road closure lasting two weeks (early October, exact dates to be confirmed): Resurfacing will take place.
- Ralton Bridge - daytime closure lasting one week: (mid-late October, exact dates to be confirmed): Resurfacing will take place.

Resurfacing work will also be carried out on North Hermitage Street where temporary traffic lights will be put in place.

We will confirm nearer the time the exact dates for all of these works but they will not take place until the bridge repairs are completed.

If you have any further queries please email roadworks@scotborders.gov.uk