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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 to carry out major repairs and refurbishment of the bridge which was badly damaged by significant flooding that affected the area in February 2020.

Phase one of the works was completed in early August as detailed in the previous update.

Phase two is now well underway with the existing road and bridge walls having been removed and now in process of being rebuilt.

It had been hoped that some of the existing stone walls could have been retained but its condition meant a complete removal was needed.

It is expected that the bridge will re-open to traffic in early October, slightly later than originally planned, due to weather delays in phase one and the requirement to fully rebuild the walls in phase two.



Diversion

Please remember that while the B6357 is closed, the official diversion routes to and from Newcastleton are the A7 and A6088.

Additional improvement works update

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.

The Council has successfully secured a total of £585,640 from the Strategic Timber Transport Fund (STTF) to carry out improvement works on two rural roads that have been affected by timber haulage, which was supplemented by £425,560 from the Council.

One of these roads is the B6357 which will mean considerable improvements can be carried out at Riccarton, Ralton and North Hermitage Street in Newcastleton.

Further details of these schemes with indicative start dates can be found below, including essential repair work required at Burnmouth Lodge which has suffered an embankment slip. A map of the work locations is also attached to this update.

B6357 location	Indicative dates	Scheme details
Ralton Bridge	Monday 5 October – five day closure between 9am and 4.30pm each day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resurfacing works• Preparatory works underway to improve drainage
Burnmouth Lodge	Monday 19 October – three week closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Embankment repair• Significant work needed to excavate under road, followed by embankment strengthening and formation• Road will then be reconstructed• Improved drainage also to be installed• To take place after school holidays
Riccarton	Monday 19 October – timescale to be confirmed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resurfacing• Significant preparatory works needed beforehand including drainage and kerbing• Aiming to take place during Burnmouth Lodge closure
North Hermitage Street	Monday 16 November – convoy system for six working days between 9am and 4.30pm each day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resurfacing• Preparatory works to take place beforehand to improve drainage• Parking restrictions will be in place throughout works

Further information

If you have any queries or would like further information on the above please email placeroadsasset@scotborders.gov.uk