

Operational Update – Autumn 2022



Jackson Civil Engineering are working on behalf of the Environment Agency to build a replacement flood defence at Matlock and reinstate flood protection from the River Derwent. Our project is being delivered in partnership with Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council.

We're pleased to report all the sheet piles have now been installed with the exception of the physical tie-in arrangement with Matlock Bridge. This is a significant milestone given how tough the Derbyshire limestone has proven to be.

Our focus is now on installing the last few sheet piles. As Matlock Bridge is a scheduled monument, these tie-in details are pending approval from Historic England and thereafter will be subject to archaeological supervision. This is to ensure the work is being done with due sensitivity to the historic value of the bridge.



Heritage consents and weather conditions permitting, we plan to remobilise the Giken Supercrush machine from Tuesday 6th December so we can place the remaining sheet piles and complete the bridge tie-in before Christmas Day. This is a critical milestone in providing a stable retaining wall upon which the flood wall can then be built in the New Year.

Given the recent wet weather, the Environment Agency has asked Jackson Civil Engineering to work weekends and, if required, work up until Christmas Eve. This is so we can maximise the construction programme and do everything we can to swiftly reinstate flood protection from the River Derwent. The Environment Agency is working closely with those businesses and residents most impacted by the sheet piling near to Matlock Bridge so construction impacts can be kept to a minimum.



The recent wet weather has also resulted in some trees falling into the River Derwent and posing a blockage risk. The uprooted trees have been safely removed by our expert arboriculturists who performed the operation in line with industry best practice endorsed by the Health & Safety Executive. A section of soft bank opposite the working platform has also slipped and will be removed to prevent the risk of further bank collapse. Removal of this silt berm will reinstate the original bank profile from the 1976 flood defence work and increase the channel capacity.



We've also safely removed the structurally unsound outbuilding that was located to the rear of businesses on Crown Square. This has opened up more space and enabled the project team to build a temporary flood defence to plug the gap in the defence line. This temporary defence is made from legato blocks and will now remain in place until the flood wall is completed. The Jackson Civil Engineering team will also be on standby over the festive period should Matlock experience flooding.

Lastly, we're delighted to have been invited by the Mayor of Matlock to join in with the town's Christmas celebrations. Lifty McShifty will be illuminated from Friday 25th November and the site compound will be decorated to fully join in the festivities. The Christmas lights will be switched off about 10pm each night to be respectful to local residents.

The site compound will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2023. Wishing everyone a peaceful Christmas and New Year.



Contact Us

If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please contact our Public Liaison Officer: Kathryn Battelle via email kbattelle@jackson-civils.co.uk or call 07970 159492.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive future updates about this scheme, please contact us through the email address.

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