

Construction Update April 2023

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.

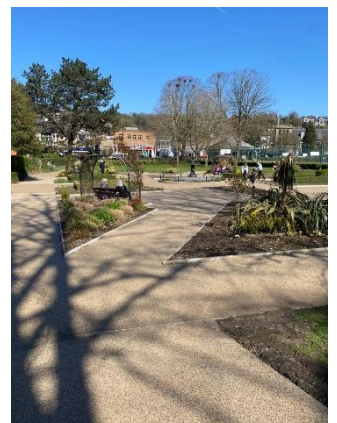


Construction of the flood wall is almost complete. Over 200m³ of concrete has been poured, with approximately 8 tonnes of steel reinforcement. Works on the stone cladding has started, and is expected to last another month. This will be carried out using locally sourced Birchover Quarry Gritstone, to maintain the heritage look and colour palette of the area.



Reinstatement of the river side wall will require construction of a cofferdam to hold back the river waters, and allow the team to dig down the front face of the sheet piles. Following the wettest March for over 40 years, the high water levels and low temperatures of the winter months have presented challenges, making it impossible to carry out this portion of the works safely. These issues have combined to delay the project by approximately 6 weeks. All efforts have been made to mitigate this issue, including prioritising works to the flood wall, however even this aspect has been delayed by low temperatures which would prevent the concrete curing. The project will be moving back to weekend working to try to regain this time now that the weather conditions are improving.

Whilst works on the walls could not continue, the team have kept busy with other community enhancement projects. Works to replace the footpaths in Hall Leys Park sunken gardens have been completed, adding the finishing touches to the



new raised edging around the flower beds. We also joined together with All Saint's Junior School to celebrate Trees are the Key awareness week at the end of March, planting 30 saplings and 14 semi mature trees at Cavendish Playing Fields, and supported the Great British Spring Clean on 27th March.

Environmental Focus – Earth Day



In 1970, 20 million individuals – at the time 10% of the US population, came together to protest the environmental conditions and call for greater protections for our planet. Since then, Earth Day has become a huge international movement, and is marked every year on April 22nd.

This year, Earth Day invites participants to push for climate literacy, grow more trees, support sustainable fashion, end plastic pollution and help with global clean up efforts. You can find out more at <https://www.earthday.org>

At the flood wall project, we have so far helped to plant over 150 trees within the local area, carried out a litter pick of the town centre, and continue to challenge our supply chain to reduce plastic use, reduce waste packaging, and look for lower carbon solutions in everything we do.



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.

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