

Environment Agency Update

Beales Corner, Bewdley

December 2023

The Environment Agency project team, together with the local community and local authorities, is working to deliver a flood risk management scheme for Beales Corner in Bewdley. This newsletter provides the latest update on the project.

For further information on the scheme and the delivery journey to date, please see: [Beales Corner, Bewdley, Flood Risk Management Scheme](#)

What we have done over recent months

Site compound set up near the Bewdley Rowing Club



Installation of the temporary working platform



This temporary working platform will help support the waterfront and provide an area from which to work.

Before placing the rock bags that form the working platform, the Environment Agency undertook a fish rescue to clear fish from the area. This involved:

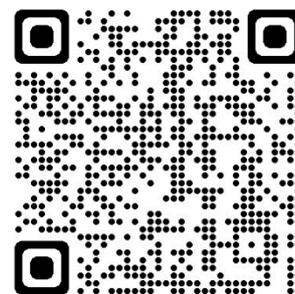
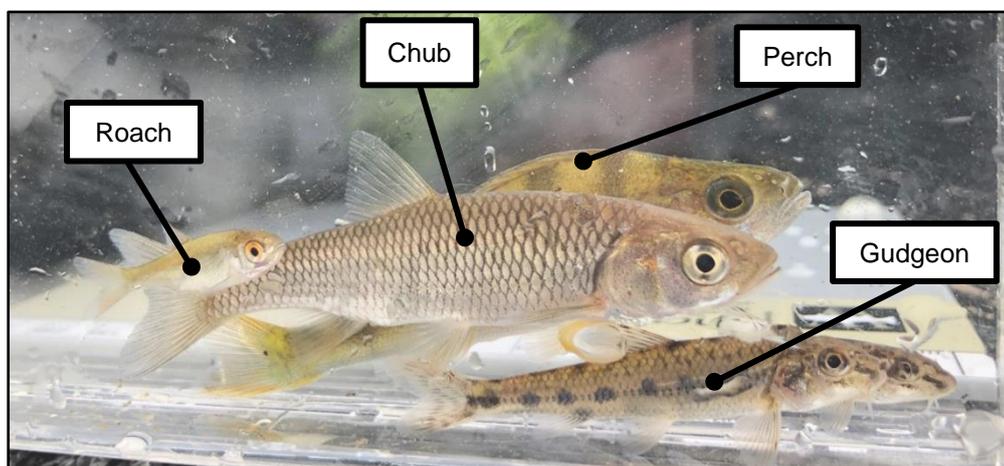
Step 1: Creating a semi-circle of clean rock in the channel to mark the footprint of the working platform.

Step 2: Installing a bubble curtain around the working platform footprint.

Step 3: Removing fish from within the working platform.

Step 4: Filling the de-fished platform area with rock bags.

During this rescue the following fish species were found:



For more information on the work our fisheries teams undertake, visit the Environment Agency Fisheries & Biodiversity Blog at <https://environmentagency.blog.gov.uk/category/fisheries-and-biodiversity/> or scan the QR code above.

Setting up for the piling works



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Starting the main piling work



Progressed utility alterations



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Archaeological investigations



Pre-construction activities included archaeological investigations which uncovered an old medieval bridge abutment (*left*) and a brick culver from the 1800s (*right*).

One-way system

We are pleased to announce our intention to temporarily remove the one-way traffic management restrictions on Kidderminster Road for the Christmas period when construction will be paused.

Severn Trent Water and its contractors have completed their work according to schedule, and Kidderminster Road will revert to two-way traffic from Friday 22 December for a temporary period.

Kidderminster Road will return to a one-way system from Tuesday 2 January to allow construction of the flood risk management scheme to continue after the Christmas break.

Traffic restrictions will remain in place on Stourport Road.

Come and speak to us

From 9 January 2024 an Environment Agency representative will be present at St. George's Hall, the Wyre room, between 11am and 2pm every Tuesday to answer any questions. This will continue until at least the end of February 2024. If you have any questions, please feel free to come and chat with us.

If you would prefer to book an appointment you can do so by emailing blbfms@environment-agency.gov.uk

Jackson Civil Engineering will be holding a follow up drop-in session at Bewdley Rowing Club on Thursday 11th January 2024 from 2.30pm until 5pm and would invite the community to come along to ask any questions, express their concerns or to find out more about us and what we do.

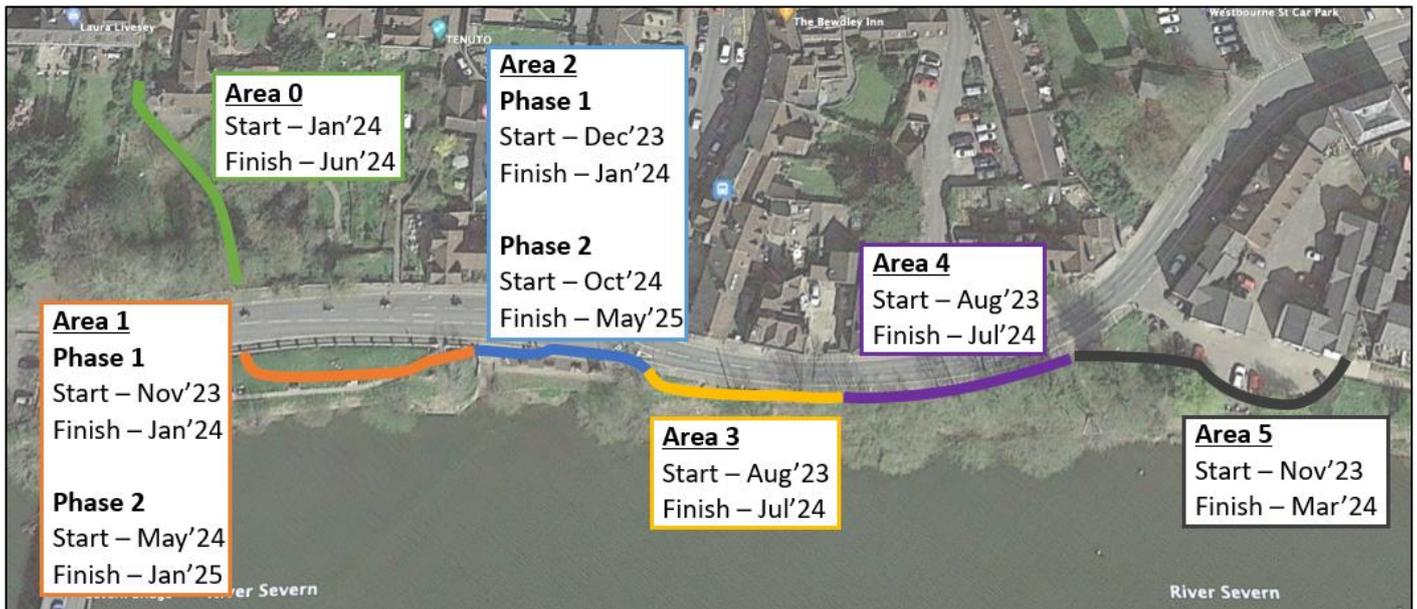
Next steps

Construction activities will continue for approximately 18 months and we will continue to provide regular updates.

The below programme gives our intended construction dates for each of the phases of the scheme, these dates are very much dependant on good weather and not finding any unforeseen issues.

We would like to thank the community of Bewdley for their continued patience and understanding during the construction of the flood risk management scheme.

Together with our partners, the Environment Agency is working now to protect Bewdley for the future.



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