

OUTSTRAYS TO SKEFFLING MANAGED REALIGNMENT SCHEME (OtSMRS) NEWSLETTER

March 2022



The ruins of the Nissen hut at the bottom of Humber Lane. This is due to be demolished in the spring of this year.

Construction restarting

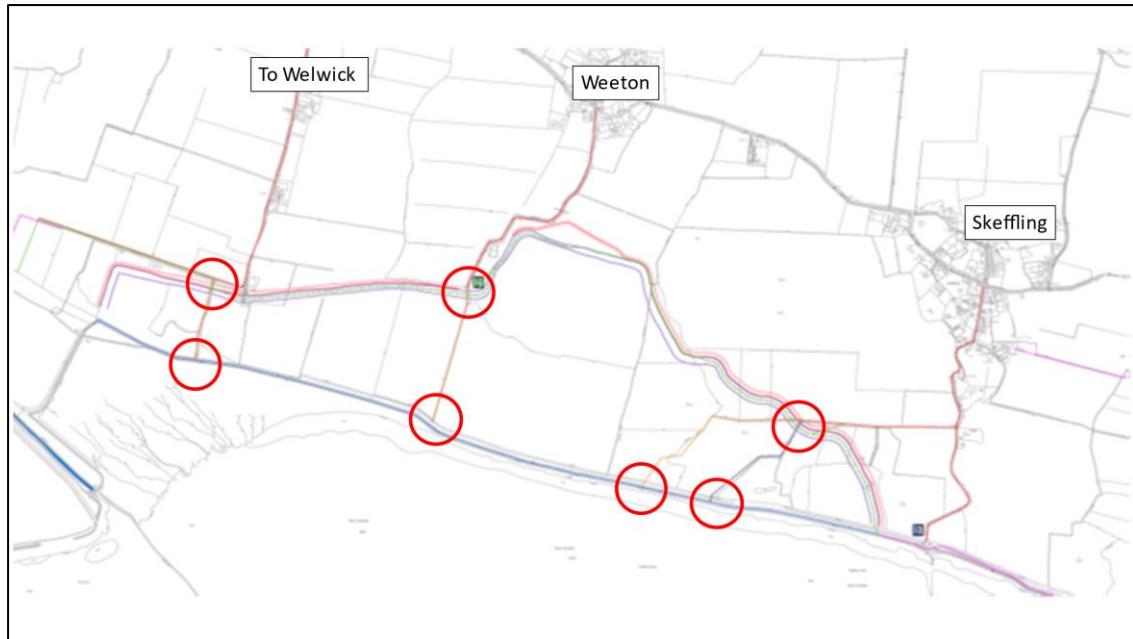
After closing up both western and eastern sites for the winter, we have resumed work on site at the end of February. The focus for this year's programme is to finish landscaping the area of 'wet grassland' habitat created last year on the western side and to start building the new embankment on the eastern side. Our contractors, JBA Bentley, have started setting up a compound at the Outstrays site to enable work on the wet grassland area to resume. In mid to late March they will also open up another compound for the eastern site, located off the main road between Welwick and Skeffling. So you might see more staff and vehicles arriving at both sites over the next few weeks.

There may also be some short-term roadworks required on the B1445 to install a water supply to the new compound on the eastern side later this month. It is likely that this will require a temporary traffic light to close off one side of the road, but this will be in place for a maximum of three days.

Over the winter we carried out a programme of vegetation clearance on the eastern side in advance of bird nesting season starting in late February / early March. Further surveys are ongoing as spring progresses and an ecologist will visit regularly to inspect the site throughout the construction season. We will put in place an archaeological 'watching brief' whilst carrying out work in areas of potential historical interest. We will also demolish the old Nissen hut off Humber Lane once this has been assessed and recorded by our archaeologists as it sits on the path for the new embankment.

Path closures

As work begins on the eastern side, we will need to put in place several footpath closures. These are necessary to keep members of the public safe whilst construction vehicles and staff are working on the site. The existing path along the Humber embankment from Skeffling towards Welwick will remain open. However, some of the paths connecting to it from the landward side will no longer be open. The locations of these are shown on the map overleaf. Where it's possible to put a diversion in place, we will do so. All path closures or diversions will have signs in place to guide walkers. Please respect these path closures and follow the instructions given.



Path closures shown on the map above are:

- a) From Sheeptrod Lane, south of Welwick, connecting to the embankment at Welwick Saltmarsh
- b) South of Humberside Road, Weeton, connecting to the embankment
- c) and d) From Burstall Lane, Skeffling, connecting to the embankment

A new face for the Scheme



Robert Culledge has recently replaced Graham Frudd and Nathan Crabtree as JBA Bentley's Contract Manager for the scheme. He has over 20 years of experience in the construction industry and has worked on several other Environment Agency projects in the Humber Estuary including the construction of new flood embankments at Reedness and South Ferriby. Robert intends to visit the site once or twice per fortnight.

Paul Craig continues as JBA Bentley's site manager and will be back on site from Monday to Friday every week. Andrew Gee is the Environment Agency's project manager. Contact details for all three are given below.

Repairs to the embankment on Sunk Island

Before winter arrived last year, our contractors finished building an access track to the embankment and strengthened it by placing imported clay on the landward ('dry') side as a winter readiness measure. They will return at the end of this month, once environmental restrictions are lifted, to undertake repairs by placing the imported clay and rock armour on the 'wet' side of the Humber banks. This recovery work will take approximately four weeks to complete, starting from the 1st week of March.

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JBA Bentley

For enquiries about the work on site, contact Robert Culledge, Contract Manager on **07970 594158** or Paul Craig, the Site Manager on **07837 454048**.

For more information about the scheme, you can visit the project's webpage at <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/yorkshire/outstrays-to-skeffling-managed-realignment-scheme/>