

Holt Fleet Bridge Refurbishment beyond half way point

The contractors are still progressing well with the refurbishment of the historic Holt Fleet Bridge which was designed by Thomas Telford and built in 1828.

Councillor John Smith OBE, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, said: "I am delighted with progress on the work to this historic monument. The bridge is situated on a strategic transport route in the county and the contractors are working hard to ensure that the refurbishment is completed within community expectations. We appreciate that there will be some inconvenience whilst the single way working and temporary traffic lights are deployed and we apologise for this whilst the essential work is undertaken"

"Holt Fleet Bridge is one of a number of strategic river crossings that has formed the basis of a five year bridge refurbishment plan. With five others also featuring in this years programme it will see a successful conclusion to those aspirations."

Richard Attwood, the County Council's Engineering Project Manager, said: "The traffic management is soon to change. Around the 28th July the single traffic lane will be moved to the other half of the bridge for two to three weeks to undertake some additional work that could not have been conveniently completed before the Easter break. Once this is complete around the end of July the traffic management will be completely removed until October when it will be necessary to reinstall it for a couple of weeks for the removal of scaffolding and general decommissioning of the site."

"Strengthening and refurbishment of the bridge is now beyond the halfway point and some elements of the work to date can be seen by passing motorists."

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