



Wildlife Ways Update - Issue 5

Welcome to the Wildlife Ways Stay Connected bulletin, giving you all the latest news about this exciting three-year programme.



Latest updates on Elmdon Routes A and B

We have taken the opportunity to use external funding to widen the footway through to Elmdon Park (Route A - Elmdon Ward) and provide new edging kerbs. This will create more space for users to move safely, whilst providing us with a completely new footway.

These additional works have had an impact on the programme. Route A's works will now continue until mid-July, with Route B, through Elmdon Park to the A45, starting immediately after Route A ends and running until November.

Route G in Chelmsley Wood/Kingshurst to Get Underway

Work on the next Wildlife Ways route begins later this month.

Route G goes between Cooks Lane and Moorend Avenue. There will be a new parallel pedestrian crossing at Cooks Lane (Kingshurst) and improved pathways running by the River Cole through to Chester Road (Chelmsley Wood). A map of the route can be viewed [here](#).

Keep visiting the [Wildlife Ways website](#) and following this bulletin for updates.

Helping Businesses Travel Sustainably

Our team of support officers have been busy helping organisations with their corporate travel planning as part of the Wildlife Ways project.

The team are currently working closely with 25 local businesses and have engaged with approximately 3,000 employees, to understand their current travel to work habits and identify any barriers to travelling sustainably. In conjunction with the business they will then produce a travel plan and action plan. This will set out some bespoke measures to enable employees to change their mode of travel to work to more sustainable choices, including walking and cycling.

One of the offers from the team is cycle training for staff who wish to learn to ride a bike or would like to improve their confidence to enable them to cycle to work. They are currently working with three businesses to provide cycle training.

If you want your business to benefit from Wildlife Ways, you can contact our team via wildlifeways@solihull.gov.uk

Ward Updates

Castle Bromwich

Highways work at Route I - Bradford Road / Hall Road - is expected to be completed this month.



Once done there will be a new zebra crossing on Hall Road.

Two new cycleway sections are to feature at the junction with Bradford Road, with cycle lanes along Hall Road between Chester Road and Bradford Road. The road markings will also be updated. There will be new locations for two street lamps and a bus shelter.

A new signal head for cyclists exiting the park by Hall Road/Bradford Road will provide guidance and safety for cyclists at a section where they may have different needs from other road users.

St Alphege

Monkspath Hall Road was completed at the end of May and the new shared path for cyclists and pedestrians is now open. Landscape improvements and planting will follow shortly.

Our thanks to residents and regular path users for their patience during the period of the works.

About Wildlife Ways

Wildlife Ways is a £16.8 million programme – part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) – to improve the borough for the benefit of people and wildlife alike. The programme will include tree, bulb and wildflower planting. It will also make it easier for people wanting to walk and cycle across the borough by widening and connecting paths and cycle routes with green spaces.

There's more on our website www.wildlifeways.co.uk and if you've any comments or questions please email us at wildlifeways@solihull.gov.uk



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