



Wildlife Ways Update - Issue 9

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



Getting bulb planting and wildflower seeding ready for next spring

We have recently completed all the spraying and rotovating required to prepare verges for wildflower seeding, and our contractors idverde are now out planting bulbs along several routes and open spaces that will flower next spring.

The areas being done include Route G (Kingshurst open space - Forth Drive), Route H (Babbs Mill - Cooks Lane), Route I (Hall Road – Chester Road) and along Moorend Avenue close to where Route F highways works are currently taking place.

More pathways in Elmdon Park to get an upgrade

The next route we are due to commence this month is Route B, through Elmdon Park up to and including Damson Parkway (between Old Damson Lane and Gate D4 of JLR). These works will mostly involve an upgrade to the existing paths in Elmdon Park.

During these works there will be sections of path closed in the park and a number of car parking spaces out of use in the car park adjacent to the church. For details of the path closures please see the [Route B footpath works plans](#) on the website. We will be carrying out these works until early 2020.

The plans showing the extent of these works can be found [here](#) (the section between the A45 and Damson Parkway has been completed).

Please ensure that you observe all signs and barriers and keep well away from machinery and materials. If you require any assistance please speak to a member of the team on site who will

help you as required.

Wildlife Ways offers Fun in the Park

Staff from the Wildlife Ways team took part in the annual Fun in the Park event at Tudor Grange Park on Sunday 22 September, organised by Solihull Soroptomists.



Despite some wet weather there was a good turn out and we were able to talk to lots of families about the project while their children took part in free craft activities. We also had a visit from the Mayor of Solihull Cllr Stuart Davis.

Path improvements to Route C – Solihull Town Centre to Damson Parkway update

We have started works on [Route C](#). The first section of this route is from the junction of Broomfields Farm Road and School Lane and along part of School Lane. This will involve pathway improvements and installing a new zebra crossing.

Due to utility works on the local gas main, the works will only be part-completed during this phase of the project and the road closure scheduled for Sunday 13th October will be rescheduled. We will return to complete the remaining works once the utility works are complete.

Whilst the utility works are ongoing Wildlife Ways works will divert to the alleyway to Union Road. The reason for the temporary pause on School Lane is to mitigate any potential damage to our finished works through the utility contractors' activities. We will provide advance notice of the closure when we have the new date.

You can see all the details of the phases of work and suggested pedestrian diversions whilst works are taking place at the website [here](#).

Ward Updates

Bickenhill (Route F)

Works are continuing along Route F, between Gloucester Way and Coleshill Road via Marston Green Park – see [here](#) for the route plan.

The works will include upgrades to existing pathways through the park and along Gloucester

Way. Weather permitting we will be carrying out these works until November 2019. See [here](#) for the traffic and pedestrian diversion plans which are in place during the works.

We are also doing bulb planting and wildflower seeding along Moorend Avenue adjacent to the route.

Castle Bromwich (Route I)

Bulb planting will be taking place on Hall Road during October.

Chelmsley Wood (Route G)

Work has been completed to upgrade the existing crossing on Cooks Lane and the path through to Chester Road is nearing completion, with bulbs having just been planted along this route.

Elmdon (Route A)

The new path has now been completed in this section of the park and wildflower areas have been agreed.

Kingshurst and Fordbridge (Route H)

Bulb planting will be taking place in Babbs Mill Park during October.

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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