

Closure of Victoria Road near the Yew Tree for 3 weeks

From 7 to 25 April 2025, we will be closing a short section of Victoria Road near the Yew Tree pub. The closure is necessary to provide our contractors with a safe working area while they excavate trial pits for the ground investigations required for Phase 2 of the Flood Scheme. The road closure has been agreed with Lancashire County Council.

Diversion signs will be in place, and vehicles directed to use Chorley Road and Hennel Lane to reach the Capitol Centre and then on towards London Road. The Yew Tree pub and its carpark will be open as usual – please follow the yellow signs.



Public consultation at Walton-le-Dale Community Centre

The second phase of the Flood Scheme will focus primarily on construction in Walton-le-Dale. Before submitting a planning application for the new defences, we will be holding a Public Consultation event:

2-7pm on 19 May 2025
Walton-le-Dale Community Centre, off Higher Walton Road, PR5 4HB

At the event, you will be able to view the proposals and designs, and our team will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. This will also be an opportunity to provide feedback before the Environment Agency submits its application to South Ribble Borough Council later this summer. We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Tree planting at Fishwick Bottoms completed



EA tree planting volunteers

As part of the Flood Scheme, we committed to replacing every tree removed during construction with 12 new ones. Fishwick Bottoms in Preston has been central to achieving this goal.

Over the last few months, teams of volunteers have planted more than 8400 trees along this stretch of the River Ribble. The new trees, which include willow and alder, will help improve the stability of the riverbank and enrich the wildlife habitat.

Ribble Rivers Trust coordinated the planting and did a fantastic job! We would also like to thank all the volunteers from the EA, Jacobs, VolkerStevin, AECOM, Arcadis, RSK, United Utilities, Preston City Council and other organisations who helped make this a success.

The Flood Scheme has also planted 600 trees near Golden Way in Penwortham; 200 at Ribble Sidings; as well as fruit trees for the community to enjoy at Broadgate Gardens.

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write: PSO Team, Lutra House, Dodd Way (off Seedlee Road), Preston, PR5 8BX
visit: Information Hub at BAC/EE Social & Sports Association
off South Meadow Lane, Broadgate, Preston, PR1 8JP
Open Wednesdays & Thursdays 10am-3pm



SPRING 2025

PRESTON & SOUTH RIBBLE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME NEWSLETTER



Final stages of Phase 1 construction

As Project Sponsor, it's a great privilege to oversee the progress of the Preston and South Ribble Flood Risk Management Scheme. I'm pleased to share that the construction of the new flood walls in Lower Penwortham is now complete, as well as the defences along Broadgate and the first section of Riverside in Preston. While we encountered issues with ground conditions and riverbank stability last year, work has now resumed on the final stretch of Riverside.

At the Miller Park entrance, we've made significant headway, with the first floodgate already installed, and the second due to be completed by Easter. Additionally, we're progressing with the Ribble Sidings wetland, which will provide a fantastic community space once fully established. The team has also provided three local schools with drainage systems to help prevent

surface water flooding, and new play equipment.

This is one of the largest and most challenging Flood Schemes currently being undertaken by the Environment Agency. The close proximity of the defences to homes and businesses has presented challenges and unavoidable disruption, and I'd like to express my gratitude to the local community for their patience throughout these essential works. Once completed, the Flood Scheme will provide a lasting legacy and help protect the area for many years to come.



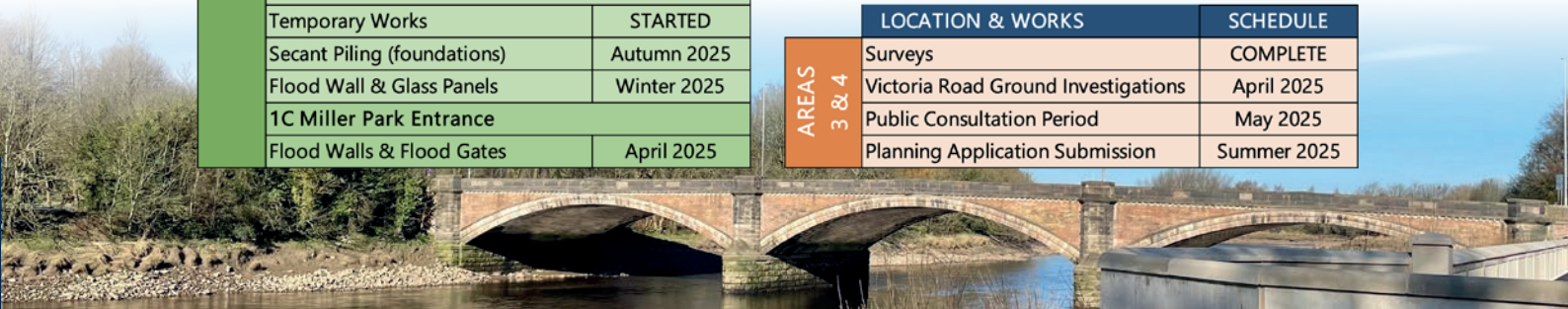
Richard Knight
Environment Agency Project Sponsor

AREA 1 - Preston	LOCATION & WORKS		SCHEDULE
	1A Broadgate		COMPLETE
	1B Gas Pipe Bridge to South End		COMPLETE
	1B Miller Garden Apartments		
	Piling, Flood Walls & Glass Panels		COMPLETE
	Flood Gate Installed		COMPLETE
	Garden Reinstatement		End Spring 2025
	1B South End to MGA		
	Temporary Works		STARTED
	Secant Piling (foundations)		Summer 2025
	Flood Wall & Glass Panels		Autumn 2025
	1B Cottages to Continental		
	Temporary Works		STARTED
	Secant Piling (foundations)		Autumn 2025

AREA 2 - Lower Penwortham	LOCATION & WORKS		SCHEDULE
	2A Leyland Road Area		COMPLETE
	Masonry Wall nr Pen. Old Bridge		Spring 2025
	2B Riverside Road		COMPLETE
	2C Ribble Sidings		
	Embankment		COMPLETE
	Create Wetland Ponds & Paths		COMPLETE

AREAS 3 & 4	LOCATION & WORKS		SCHEDULE
	Surveys		COMPLETE
	Victoria Road Ground Investigations		April 2025
	Public Consultation Period		May 2025

	LOCATION & WORKS		SCHEDULE
	Planning Application Submission		Summer 2025



Flood Scheme Area Updates

AREA 1: BROADGATE & RIVERSIDE



Flood Wall on Broadgate



Flood wall with brick slips at Miller Garden Apartments

With the installation of the bespoke glass panel near the Gas Pipe Bridge and repairs to the lower masonry wall by Penwortham Old Bridge, works along Broadgate and the first section of Riverside are now complete.

New flood walls at Miller Garden Apartments and along the rear of BAC/EE Social & Sports Association are also finished. Only the construction of new flood defences from South End to no. 23 Riverside, and then from Ribble Cottage to the Miller Park entrance remain under construction. All road closures and diversions will remain in place until the works are completed.

Piling has resumed, but we are using a different method to overcome the construction challenges in this area. We will be building the foundations of the new flood wall from secant piles, which involves creating a line of interlocking piles in the ground.

To help reduce further riverbank erosion, we have installed rock bags along some sections of riverbank. Rock bags are flexible and adapt to the shape of the riverbank. The rock bags will silt up over time to support vegetation and aquatic life.

Miller Garden Apartments access

While the road closure at South End is in place, vehicle access to Miller Garden Apartments will be via South Meadow Lane, and the temporary road through BAC/EE.

Please note, for safety reasons we politely ask the public to not walk through Miller Garden Apartments and BAC/EE's grounds. There is no public path through the site; access is to the apartments and Riverside properties only. Please use Connaught or Wolseley Roads to access South Meadow Lane – thank you.

New floodgates at Miller Park entrance

As part of the Flood Scheme, there will be two floodgates situated at the Miller Park entrance. The first gate is already in place, and foundations for the walls and pillars have been constructed. The second gate, is due to be completed by Easter.

There is a temporary path into the park, but this will be reopened in time for the Easter Egg Rolling event. After

the Easter weekend, reinstatement work under the West Coast Main Line will be begin.

In the event of a flood warning, Environment Agency officers would close the new flood gates to protect properties in the South Meadow Lane area. However, Miller Park remains part of the flood plain.



Threshold shuttering ready for the concrete.



Concrete poured and now ready for the new floodgate frame.

Removal of the Dick, Kerr & Co Box

During the early stages of the Flood Scheme, we became aware of an old Dick, Kerr & Co electricity box hidden in the undergrowth near the West Coast Main Line at the Miller Park entrance.

The Dick, Kerr & Co factory was located near the docks and manufactured trains and trams, and the box is an important reminder of Preston's industrial heritage. The company also founded one of the world's first women's football teams, Dick, Kerr Ladies FC, in 1917.

The team carefully removed the box from its original location, and it has now been handed over to Preston City Council. The Council plans to find a new home for the box, allowing the public to appreciate this important part of local history.



Dick, Kerr & Co Box near the West Coast Main Line

AREA 2: LOWER PENWORTHAM



Flood walls with glass panels on Riverside Road

Construction of the new defences in Lower Penwortham is now complete. The only remaining work is along a section of the old wall near Penwortham Old Bridge. As part of the Flood Scheme, we have reinstated the road and pavements on Riverside Road. While along the river, new paths and planting have been completed too.

We understand that some residents have raised concerns about the replacement of litter bins and benches along the riverside path. We are currently in discussions with South Ribble Borough Council to finalise arrangements.

Ribble Sidings Wetland Update

Behind the new flood embankment at the rear of Margaret Road, we have completed the earthworks for the wetland. Ponds have been excavated and then lined to capture and retain rainwater.

Extensive planting is underway, including additional trees and grass seeding. Once established, the area will become a haven for wildlife. New paths around the ponds, will allow you to get closer to nature, and we have added benches where you can sit and enjoy the peace. We have also created a pond-dipping platform. The security fencing will remain in place to protect the plants as they establish, which we expect to see by late Spring or early Summer.

South Ribble Borough Council has almost completed its refurbishment of the adjacent children's playground. Together, the new wetland and playground will be a fantastic community resource for the local area.



Ribble Sidings wetland



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