

The Environment Agency is delivering a Flood Risk Management Scheme (FRMS) to better protect homes and businesses from flooding in the Kent Catchment, enhance the local environment and improve community amenities.

Following extensive surveys and investigations into the structural integrity of the Stock Beck culvert system, a section of culvert has been identified for replacement in the area of Silverdale Drive. This newsletter will provide an overview of the culvert replacement works which are scheduled to start from 23rd June 2025.

Stock Beck overview

You may be aware that the Environment Agency is undertaking a number of measures to reduce flood risk from Stock Beck. As part of these works, we have identified a section of culvert in the Silverdale Drive area that requires replacement. In March, we undertook a number of pre-construction activities to prepare the site and identify all the underground services in the immediate vicinity. With these works now complete, we are now in a position to start making the necessary arrangements to set up our work area from 23rd June 2025.

Stock Beck culvert replacement site set up and work area

Our work area will be predominately in the green space on Lowther Park and will include part of the adjacent footpath adjoining Silverdale Drive and Lowther Park. We will also require access to some residential property driveways and a section of the road on Silverdale Drive to access a manhole and culvert.

This plan shows the extent of our work area in red and where welfare facilities will be positioned in blue.



Where we need access to residents' gardens, we will have already made direct contact with you and will continue to keep you informed.

The Environment Agency has worked with Westmorland & Furness Council to agree a traffic management plan to ensure we can manage both vehicle and pedestrian access in this location.

Construction access arrangements

Construction vehicles will access the work area from Lowther Park.

Vehicle and pedestrian restrictions

Due to the culvert replacement works being located on the green space and extending into the adjoining footpath and into the road at Silverdale Drive, there will be no public access to these areas during the construction works.

All pedestrians will have a signed diversion route in place. There will be impacts to vehicle movements to some properties in the direct vicinity of the works and this will be managed on site.



Working arrangements

Volkerstevin and their contactors will be delivering the construction works. It is anticipated that at times during the working day, there will be the requirement for generators to provide a power supply to some equipment and pumping arrangements may need to be in place to manage water in the system when removing and replacing the culvert.

All generators will be fitted with noise barriers to keep all noise to a minimum. There will be no generator or pumping operations overnight.

We thank you for your continued patience whilst we carry out these necessary works.

June 2025
Site setup
arrangements

July 2025
Replacement
of the culvert

September
2025
Reinstatement
and landscaping

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What time of day will the works be undertaken?

Works are typically carried out between 8.00am and 6.00pm (daylight dependent), Monday to Friday. Weekend work may be required and will be communicated in advance if this is required.

How long will you take to complete this work?

The first phase to undertake underground surveys and prepare the site has already been completed in March, the next phase will be to undertake the dig down replace the culvert. Once this is complete the final phase will reinstate the area and landscape. We envisage all construction activity to be completed within 10 weeks, with some elements of the re-planting to be completed when the timing and weather conditions are suitable.

Will you need to access individuals land, gardens or need diversion routes?

We will inform any affected residents where we need to gain temporary access to gardens or driveways. Notices of diversion routes will be put in place if required, and residents in the immediate vicinity will be informed directly.

What vehicle and pedestrian impacts will there be?

Whilst we undertake the culvert replacement works, the green space on Lowther Park will be closed to the public as this will form part of our work area. The adjacent footpath linking Silverdale Drive and Lowther Park will also be partially closed to pedestrians with a diversion route in place. We currently anticipate some restrictions to vehicle access to Silverdale Drive as the culvert works will extend into the road. We will communicate the details of this restriction with residents as the traffic management plan develops.

Where will we find the latest information?

We will continue to keep you up to date with newsletter updates, with all information available on our flood scheme website. To keep up to date visit www.thefloodhub.co.uk/kendal and navigate to the “What’s Happening” page. Alternatively, you can visit us at our Flood Scheme Information Hub based on Beezon Road Kendal (adjacent to Lidl supermarket). We are open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 4.30pm.