

Areas 3 & 4: WALTON-LE-DALE

Phase 2 Public Consultation and Planning Application

A consultation event was held at Walton-le-Dale Community Centre on 19 May 2025. The event was well attended by the local community, who were able to view the proposed designs for Phase 2 of the Flood Risk Management Scheme. Staff from the Environment Agency, Jacobs, and VolkerStevin were on hand to answer queries.

A planning application will be submitted to South Ribble Borough Council in late summer, with a decision expected by the end of year.

You can still view the design proposals online by visiting thefloodhub.co.uk/psr.



Consultation event at Walton-le-Dale Community Centre

Maintenance Work on Existing Defences

In some areas of Walton-le-Dale and Frenchwood in Preston there is no requirement to raise or replace the existing flood defences as the height is sufficient, and the defences are in good order. Nevertheless, we will be carrying out routine maintenance to extend the life of these defences, so they continue to reduce the risk from flooding.

This summer, work will begin to remove invasive plants from the riverbank to allow the team to have better access to the flood walls. Maintenance will be carried out along the Boulevard in Frenchwood, across the river near Ashbridge Nursery, and in Walton Green. This work is not expected to be disruptive for residents or businesses and we will send out notifications before starting any work.



Flood wall along the Boulevard, Frenchwood

SUMMER 2025

PRESTON & SOUTH RIBBLE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME NEWSLETTER



Final Stages of Phase 1 Construction

Construction is now finished in most areas, with only two sections on Riverside remaining. This means we now have fewer contractors on site.

Works in these remaining areas are complex, with the team managing very challenging ground conditions. The Scheme has modified its design and a different piling methodology – secant piling – is being used. Once

the foundations are in place, work on constructing the walls can begin. The space along Riverside is restricted, it's close to both properties and the riverbank, so construction machinery has to be chosen carefully.

Many thanks to residents for your patience while works are ongoing.

	LOCATION & WORKS	SCHEDULE
AREA 1 - Broadgate & Riverside, Preston	1A Broadgate	COMPLETE
	1B Gas Pipe Bridge to South End	COMPLETE
	1B Miller Garden Apartments	COMPLETE
	1B South End to Miller Garden Apartments	
	Temporary Works	COMPLETE
	Pile Probing	COMPLETE
	Secant Piling (Foundations)	ONGOING
	Flood Wall & Glass Panels	To Follow
	1B Cottages to Continental	
	Temporary Works	ONGOING
Pile Probing	ONGOING	
Secant Piling (Foundations)	Autumn 2025	
Flood Wall & Glass Panels	To Follow	
1C Miller Park Entrance		
	Flood Walls & Flood Gates	ONGOING

	LOCATION & WORKS	SCHEDULE
AREA 2 - Lower Penwortham	2A Leyland Road Area	COMPLETE
	Maintenance near Penwortham Old Bridge	STARTED
	2B Riverside Road	COMPLETE
	2C Ribble Sidings	
	Embankment	COMPLETE
AREA 3 & 4 - Walton-le-Dale	Create Wetland Ponds & Paths	COMPLETE
	Wetland Planting	ONGOING
	Wetland Opening	Summer 2025
	Surveys	COMPLETE
AREA 3 & 4 - Walton-le-Dale	Victoria Road Ground Investigations	COMPLETE
	Public Consultation Period	COMPLETE
	Planning Application Submission	Summer 2025
	Maintenance Commences, incl. Frenchwood & Walton Green	Summer 2025
	Construction Commences	Summer 2026



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 Open Wednesdays & Thursdays 10am-3pm



Flood Scheme Area Updates

AREA 1: RIVERSIDE, PRESTON

Miller Garden Apartments

Construction of the flood wall around the outside of Miller Garden Apartments has now been completed. The final tasks are installing the coping stones and railings. The footpath and carriageway in front of the apartments also need to be completed.

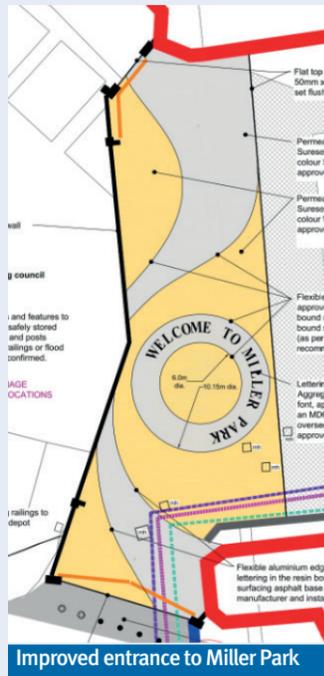


Reinstatement works in front of Miller Garden Apartments

Miller Park Entrance

The new flood walls and pillars are now in place near the park entrance. Both floodgates have now been installed and will be tested in July. When not in use, the floodgates will be recessed against the walls.

The entrance to Miller Park is undergoing improvements as part of the Flood Risk Management Scheme. The area will be expanded towards Preston City Council's storage yard to create an open and welcoming space, and it will be surfaced in resin-bound material using high quality natural aggregate. The new pathway will also be inset with 'Welcome to Miller Park' in black lettering.



Improved entrance to Miller Park

Riverside

Construction is split into two final areas. The first section is from number 18 Riverside to Miller Garden Apartments, and the second is from Ribble Cottages to the Continental.

In late spring, the final sheet piles were installed along the river to provide a temporary flood defence, which allowed the old wall to be removed. A second line of sheet piles has also been installed to form the working area for the foundations.



Sheet piles near the Continental and the old wall removed

In June we began installing rock bags along the riverbank in front of the Mini Centre and the cottages to further help stabilise the riverbank.

This summer we will commence secant piling, which will create the foundation for the new flood wall. The secant piles create an 'underground wall' that provides both a foundation for the flood wall and seepage cut off (creating a barrier to prevent water from escaping through the riverbank under the new flood wall). A guide wall for the secant piling has already been installed in between the two rows of sheet piles.

Reinstatement of the footpaths at the rear of BAC/EE Social & Sports Association also needs to be completed.



Piling rig on Riverside

AREA 2: LOWER PENWORTHAM

Wall Maintenance Near Penwortham Old Bridge

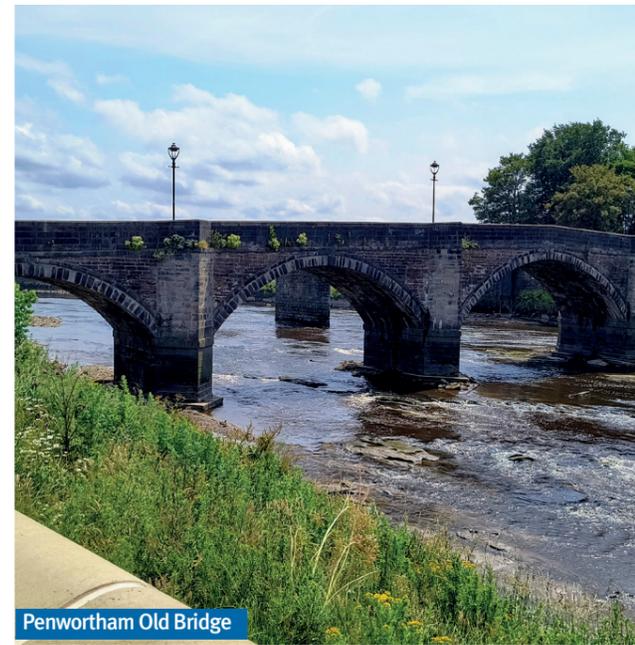
Maintenance is underway on a section of stone wall near Penwortham Old Bridge. A reinforced ground beam has already been installed to help support the wall.

As part of the maintenance, some sections of the wall will be replaced with new sandstone, and the height of the wall will be raised slightly. Skilled stonemasons are carrying out the work, to ensure the wall remains in keeping with the area's heritage.

A short section of Riverside Road, near the junction with Leyland Road, will remain closed until mid-July while works are ongoing.



Wall maintenance underway



Penwortham Old Bridge

PENWORTHAM OLD BRIDGE

Before the construction of Penwortham Old Bridge, anyone who wanted to cross the River Ribble had to use either the ferry or the fords – Middleforth literally means 'middle ford'. However, in 1751 an Act of Parliament gave permission for the building of a bridge, and it was completed in 1755. But just a year later, one of the arches collapsed and the bridge had to be rebuilt.

Parliament granted permission for a further £2000 from the county to pay for a new bridge. The five-arch structure was built from red sandstone and opened in 1759. To recover the costs of rebuilding the bridge, and to pay for its upkeep, a toll was payable to cross it. The bridge continued to be a major crossing point until 1915, when the New Penwortham Bridge opened.

Penwortham Old Bridge was Grade II listed in 1962 and became a scheduled monument in 1979, when it was deemed a nationally important historical site.

Ribble Sidings Wetland

The Northwest of England had its driest start to spring in 69 years, and drought was declared in late May. This has had an impact on the creation of the wetland at Ribble Sidings and led to delays in planting. However, the recent burst of wet weather means the ponds have now started to fill, which is great news.

The two ponds are expected to attract a range of wildlife, including damselflies, dragonflies, frogs, toads and newts. The plants will include flowering varieties such as Common Valerian and Marsh Marigold. The new paths and fencing around site were completed in April.

Once completed, the wetland will be handed over to South Ribble Borough Council's Parks Department to manage.



Ponds starting to fill with rainwater



New paths and fencing at Ribble Sidings



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