



Congleton Link Road

Construction Phase Newsletter

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Keeping you up-to-date with our work on the Congleton Link Road project.

Site Update

- Drainage works continue and earthworks nearing completion on the section of new road between Sandbach road and Holmes chapel road. Road pavement foundation works are planned to take place in early December.
- Piling has been completed on the Loach Brook structure. Structural concrete works can now start to construct the abutments.
- Drainage and earthworks continue on the section of road between Holmes Chapel Road and Chelford Road, with service diversions set to start in the coming weeks.
- Structural concrete works can now begin to construct the wingwalls and abutments on the Chelford Road Overbridge following the completion of the piling works. Pumping will start in early November to manage water levels.
- Finishing works to take place on Back Lane East and Radnor Park roundabout including completing the combined footpath / cycleway.
- Structural concrete works continue on the River Dane structure with the reinforced concrete pier to be completed in November.
- The 6 pairs of steel bridge beams for the River Dane structure will be delivered to site in November, the largest pair of beams are 48m long and weigh approximately 113 tons. A 800 ton crane will be required to lift the beams into place during December.
- Pre cast concrete beams will be craned in to place on the Giantswood Lane Structure. Works can then commence on the construction of bridge deck.
- Drainage and earthworks are progressing on the section of mainline between Manchester Road and Macclesfield Road. The precast concrete units will arrive on site in December ready for installation to form the pedestrian and equestrian underpass under the mainline near the new Manchester Road junction.

Work Experience Placement

GRAHAM is committed to giving students work experience to encourage them into careers in the construction industry. The work placements have involved students from schools, colleges, university's and other forms of further education. Closing the construction skills gap is vital to the future of the industry and these placements allow young people a taste of the roles in Civil Engineering and Building.

One such student to get in contact regarding a work experience placement was Charlotte Stephens, who is currently studying a 4 year Masters Degree course in Civil & Structural Engineering at Newcastle University. Charlotte lives local to the project in Holmes Chapel, Cheshire and was keen to gain some work experience over the summer period.

Supported by GRAHAM's Community Benefit Team Charlotte completed an 8 week placement as part of the team constructing the Congleton Link Road.

Charlotte said: "The experience I gained during my 8-week summer placement on the Congleton Link Road project was invaluable. It has been so beneficial to me, not just reinforcing what I had learnt in my first year at University but also taught me so much about the hands-on experience of working on site. I was given the opportunity to work with a variety of different equipment on site, along with construction computer software, which has given me an understanding of everything that happens in the background of a large construction project."



Charlotte added: "I have already been able to apply some of the things I learnt on the placement to my second year university studies. I would like to say thank you to everyone on the Congleton Link Road project for welcoming me and making it an amazing experience to be a part of."

GRAHAM honoured to support Congleton Half Marathon

GRAHAM was proud to be the main sponsor of this year's Congleton Half Marathon. The popular local race in its 36th year took place on the 6th of October and attracted over 400 runners from far and wide, including members of the GRAHAM team working on the Congleton Link Road project.

The route followed a picturesque, undulating, rural course that winds its way around the local villages and hamlets of Somerford Booths, Marton, Lower Withington, Kermincham and Swettenham. On route the runners got a sight of the world-famous engineering marvel that is the Lovell Radio Telescope at Jodrell Bank.

the event is organised by volunteers from the Congleton Harriers running club which aims to promote the health benefits of running, deliver a memorable race, and to raise awareness and as much money as possible for local charities.

The Congleton harriers approached GRAHAM back in February regarding the impact the construction of the Congleton Link Road may have on the race route, in particular on Chelford Road.



GRAHAM staff worked closely with the Congleton Harriers, keeping them informed of the works and making sure there was a runnable route for the day of the race.

As part of our works to construct the new overbridge on Chelford Road we closed a section of the road and constructed a temporary carriageway that links Chelford Road with Black Firs Lane and Back Lane. Consequently, the course was re-measured for this year's event.

GRAHAM collaborated with the Congleton Harriers in the run up to the race to keep them updated on the works and make sure there was a runnable route. As the relationship with the race organisers grew, GRAHAM agreed to sponsor the cost of the 500 race t-shirts and become the events main sponsor. This then maximises the amount that can be donated from the race entry fees to the 3 chosen charities; Friends for Leisure, North West Air Ambulance and Visyon, all of which provide vital services to the people of Congleton and Cheshire East.

Throughout the races history they have raised thousands of pounds for various charities. Last year over £3,000 was raised to support the amazing work of Ronald McDonald House at Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool.

There was a real community atmosphere at the start and finish line on Black Firs Lane as many spectators braved the wet conditions to cheer the runners over the finish line, including 4 members of the project team.



A big well done to members of the project team from GRAHAM and Jacobs who completed the Half Marathon on the 6th October.

OUR COMMITMENTS

- Work with our neighbours to reduce the impact our work has on local business and the community
- Ensure the traffic management system is in place and maintain a safe working environment at all times
- Monitor noise, vibration and dust to ensure they are kept within the permitted levels
- Support the local community through employment, buying from local suppliers and proactive stakeholder engagement

CONSIDERATE CONSTRUCTORS SCHEME

This site is registered under the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) and as Partners, GRAHAM is committed to improving the image of the construction industry by striving to promote and achieve best practice at all our sites under the following code:

- Enhancing the **Appearance**
- Respecting the **Community**
- Protecting the **Environment**
- Securing everyone's **Safety**
- Caring for the **Workforce**



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