

News Release



Dunblane Station improvements set to begin

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A major project which will transform the area between Dunblane train station and the town centre is set to begin this winter.

Funding from Sustrans is allowing the Council to work with the local community, to make Beech Road and Stirling Road more pedestrian and cycle friendly. Those with mobility difficulties, drivers, businesses and local residents will also benefit from the improvements.

Stirling Council's Director of Corporate Operations, Gerard O'Sullivan, said: "This is a great opportunity to improve the appearance of, and accessibility to, Dunblane town centre for local people, businesses and visitors.

"It's a real investment in the area and we are pleased to have worked in partnership with Sustrans on the project."

The work will be done in two phases. The first involves essential repairs to the Allan Water Bridge, and the second covers the improvements to the streetscape of Beech Road and Stirling Road. The first phase of the Allan Water Bridge work is anticipated to run from November 2015 to March 2016.

During the repairs, the bridge will be closed to vehicles but will stay open most of the time for pedestrians and cyclists. There will be a limited number of occasions, such as when a large crane is needed to lift in concrete beams, that pedestrian access will also need to be restricted.

With the bridge closed to traffic, temporary changes will be made to maintain access to and from the railway station. Although not finalised until the bridge contractor is appointed, the following changes are anticipated:

- The one-way system will be changed to allow two-way traffic on Stirling Road between the Allan Water Bridge and the junction with Perth Road.
- The junction with Perth Road will be modified to allow vehicles to enter as well as exit.
- A mini roundabout will be introduced outside the station to facilitate vehicles turning and people dropping off and picking up at the station.
- Bridgend and Station Road will be unaffected.
- Access to the High Street and Mill Row car park will be unchanged.

Parking arrangements during the bridge works will be confirmed as soon as possible. However, it is likely that the spaces outside The Village Inn will need to be suspended or relocated during the bridge closure along with some of the resident-only spaces opposite the station..

You can find out more about the development of the project on the Dunblane Community website at <http://dunblane.info/dunblane-news/item/855-stirling-road-project>

A representative of Dunblane Community Council said:

"The Community Council is delighted that this very important project will be underway in the next month or so. The old bridge and its decaying parapets are nothing short of an eyesore currently. The new structure will be a vast improvement and a vital component of a successful streetscape project. There will be some 'pain' associated with the closure of the bridge to traffic to both businesses and residents but we hope that people will take the longer term view as this project will transform the area to the benefit of everyone."

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