

# Upton upon Severn

Flood alleviation scheme newsletter

January 2012

This newsletter is to update you on the construction of the Waterside flood defence and archaeology open day on 20 January.

## Current Progress

Following the Christmas break, construction work resumed along Waterside early January 2012.



**Photo 01: Work progressing outside The Plough.**

The majority of the reinforced concrete flood wall between the bridge and the Kings Head is now complete. The brick cladding has been started. A plain red engineering brick is being used below ground level and then a heritage brick that has been agreed with Malvern Hills District Council will be used above ground level.



**Photo 02: Progress adjacent to The Swan.**

The majority of the flood wall base between the Swan and Crimond Rose has now been completed. The contractor is currently building the reinforced concrete stem of the flood wall.

Due to the recent high river levels, the temporary stone bund that will be constructed in the river edge to support the quay wall adjacent to the Swan is still to be constructed.

When the main work starts on the narrow section of road outside the Swan, there is an increased risk that we will not be able to deploy some or all of the temporary flood barrier. When we expect high river levels we will issue a Flood Alert. After this we will aim to confirm at least 24 hours before the River Severn comes out of its banks if all, part or non of the temporary flood barriers can be used and issue a flood warning.

We will provide this information

**Direct to you** – by phone, text, email or fax if you register with us by calling our Floodline on 0845 988 1188

**On our website** –  
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood)

**By calling Floodline** on 0845 988 1188 – select option one, then give 05232331 quick dial code to listen to recorded information on the risk of flooding and use of the barriers at Upton along Waterside

If we are not able to use part or all of the temporary barriers we will provide sandbags to local residents and staff to help you put them in doorways before the flood.

## Archaeology Open Day, Friday 20 January from 10.00am until 4.00pm

Come and visit the archaeology excavations if you are interested in the history of Upton, want to know what archaeologists do or see the flood defence.

We are providing an opportunity for people to watch the archaeological team excavating as part of the current flood defence project and to learn more about recent discoveries in the town.

The archaeologists are working in this area ahead of the construction team to ensure that their detailed work won't slow down the flood defence project. Upton's story will be saved for future generations.

You will be able to see the excavations from a viewing platform beside the Kings Head Public House on Bridge Street. Ed Wilson our archaeologist will be describing what has been found and showing people the ongoing excavation work at the site of Upton's lost Medieval bridge.

### Archaeology finds

During the scheme a team of archaeologists have been working alongside the contractors, recording evidence of Upton's past. They have found the remains of old street surfaces and roadside walls,

part of the bridge that marked the site of a Civil War skirmish, a long lost marker stone with letters cut into it and part of a mid 19th century cemetery. The cemetery excavation was completed at the end of 2011. The remains have been removed and are now being examined by specialists before re-burial.

We know that there have been at least three bridges crossing the river at Upton and we hope to be able to show you evidence for them in the archaeological trench, not seen by anyone for at least 160 years.

We look forward to seeing you on 20 January.



**Photo 03: Brick cladding being added adjacent to The Plough.**

## Getting Further Information

The dedicated Environment Agency Site Liaison Officer is Charles Chandler. He is available to answer your questions during the construction phase. You can contact him on 07802 335133.

Information about this scheme is also available at:  
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk/upton](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/upton)

All photos are courtesy of [www.upton.uk.net](http://www.upton.uk.net) where further photos showing the construction progress can be viewed.

## Next Update

The next update will be late February 2012.

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