

In the pipeline

Erskine Bridge project news

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A major energy infrastructure project to replace two High Pressure (HP) gas pipelines currently suspended under the Erskine Bridge with a new pipeline.

HDD reaches south side of River Clyde

There has been increased activity at each work area as construction of the replacement pipeline gathers pace.

After contending with some challenging ground conditions, we're happy to report our Horizontal Directional Drill has successfully punched out on the south side of the River Clyde, meeting the first of several key milestones for the project.

Further challenges still lie ahead as work progresses. We will continue opening the drilled hole wider to pull the welded pipe string into place. Before doing this we needed to carry out pressure testing on the pipe strings ahead of it being pulled into place under the Clyde.



Meanwhile in Old Kilpatrick, another trenchless technique was used when we auger-bored below the existing steel gas pipeline and concrete water main within Luset Park. Two large pits were made, the auger put in place on a set of rails and each pipe length lowered and welded before being pushed behind the auger which drills out the soil.

Finally, the replacement pipe has been installed across the slip road off the westbound carriageway of the A82 (towards Dumbarton). The next stage here is to lay the pipe along Station Road, under the A82. The traffic lights will be altered from four-way to two-way lights reducing waiting times. We thank all users for their patience during these works and hope that this has not impacted your travels too much.



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In the community

Information events

We held a series of information events on 18 July to share how our project is progressing with residents. Members of the project team were on hand to answer any questions, sharing the latest update on the project, as well as other services SGN can offer. The SGN Mobile Command Unit (MCU) was also available to visit. Throughout the day we were available at three locations from Caulder's Garden Centre in Bishopton to the car park at St Patrick's RC Church and finally at the Erskine Hospital receiving about 50 visitors who stopped by for a cuppa and a chat.



We welcomed the crew of White Watch from Renfrew Community Fire Station to be briefed on access to each work site, hazards, COSHH stores etc should they ever need to attend in an emergency.



West Dunbartonshire's Doors Open Day

We were happy to support the above event on Saturday 1 September in two ways. Firstly, we sponsored the printing of information fliers and posters publicising the event and secondly, we opened up our MCU and made ourselves available at the Bowling Basin to be on hand to answer any questions from locals about the project.



School safety poster competition

During the Gavinburn School safety visit to our Bowling yard we set the pupils the challenge of designing a safety poster. The standard of entries was extremely high and our principal contractor Murphy's created a collage which was printed on to banners now displayed at the Bowling yard and the entrance to the school.

Erskine Hospital

We've been helping at Erskine Hospital to get everything ship shape in time for the Remembrance Day commemorations by cleaning the block paving outside the day room.

Unsung heroes

Finally, we'd like to salute some of the things our team has been doing quietly behind the scenes - from saving dogs to helping a stranded driver with a punctured tyre - it's all in a day's work for our team.

While walking by the river David Oswell turned dog rescuer after a dog fell into the lock. The tide was out and it was more mud than water. With the aid of a local resident, a dinghy was lowered into the lock and the dog was carefully placed in a shopping basket which David then managed to pull to the surface, to reunite the scared but unharmed pooch with its grateful owner.

We also provided bottled water to thirsty firefighters as they tackled the fires on the Kilpatrick Hills during the period of exceptional hot weather.

And a lady got in touch to thank one of the team who stopped to help change her car tyre after she hit a pothole near the Garden Centre in Bishopton with two small children in the back. We tracked down the driver to pass on her grateful thanks to Graham Maher who "truly saved the day." Well done to all of you.



To find out more

Regular updates will be posted on sgn.co.uk/roadworks/Erskine-Bridge. You can also register your interest and receive news updates and notifications about the work by visiting smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SGNErskineBridge

If you have any specific enquiries about this project, please call us on 01506 856633 during office hours (8am to 4pm) or 0800 912 1700 outwith these times.

