

## Work Update

### Anderson Street



Patterned concrete walls with pigment have been completed on the riverside section of work. The stone cladding to the concrete walls have now started and it is hoped to have this completed by the end of this month. Backfilling to the wall and a stone cope to finish the wall will be completed shortly after this.

**Gael Force**—Work has now started in this area, initially the works will be within the Gael Force Marine yard with a sheet piled wall, a patterned pigmented concrete wall will then be cast on the piles. A section of the wall along Anderson Street and Kessock Road will require to be demolished to allow for a sheet piled wall to be installed. The road will remain open at all times for access under a traffic light system.

**Gilbert St/Huntly Place**—The gas main diversion works here are now almost complete. Once this is complete the footpath along the river will be closed. This is to allow the existing wall and handrail to be removed to allow sheet piling to start. At the sections of wall where there are trees a small CFA piling rig will insert bored piles. This is to protect the existing trees roots.

**Portland Place**—A small section of CFA piles beside the railway have still to be completed, the concrete works for the defence wall will then commence.



**Shore Street**— The H piles are now all installed, work on the concrete defence wall has now started. We would like to thank local businesses for their patience during this work.

## Working along the River Ness



Merkinch local nature reserve, situated in the South Kessock area, offers a great opportunity to observe roe deer and wild weasels along with a range of wading birds in the salt marsh, fresh water marsh and the reed beds. Osprey and the elusive Kingfishers have been seen at Muirton Pools. Whilst working along the riverbank, McLaughlin & Harvey employ consultants to advise and monitor the otters, bats, fish and also marine mammals within the works area. An Arboriculturalist (tree specialist) has been appointed to advise us on all aspects of working around the trees and protecting the roots from damage.

A cheque was handed over to Peter Corbett of the Merkinch Partnership. Jason Mears, Contracts Manager for McLaughlin & Harvey said “We are very pleased to be able to sponsor the Merkinch girl’s football team

this season by providing a new kit.



As part of our ongoing activities within the community, Merkinch Arts are very kindly working with local people to create a bright and interesting mural on the hoardings at Anderson Street Park. This is an ongoing project with a stunning visual effect.

