



WORK UPDATE

Anderson Street - The patterned concrete works (riverside) are now complete, on the section of wall behind the flats. The next stage here will see the pebbledash onto the landward side of the concrete wall and the placing of sandstone copes. The next focus is on the installation of drainage, street lighting, kerbs and surfacing works.

Gael Force—Work has progressed well within the Gael Force yard. The required section of the wall along Anderson Street has been demolished, giving way to the sheet piling which is currently in progress. It is hoped to have that finished soon so that the concrete works can begin.

Gilbert St/Huntly Place—The gas main diversion work is now complete. Site fencing has been erected in Huntly Place in preparation for the demolition of the existing flood wall. The sheet piling and CFA piling will commence from Huntly Place progressing into Gilbert Street. To ensure protection of tree roots, hand digging will take place in the areas around the trees. This will be followed by the construction of the flood defence wall.

Portland Place—The section of CFA piles behind Riverview Flats have been completed. The concrete works for the defence wall has commenced which includes fixing steel reinforcement to base and wall.

Shore Street— The work on the concrete defence wall is well advanced with the patterned concrete wall almost complete. This will be followed by drainage and floodgate installation prior to reinstatement of footways and carriageways.

Caledonian Oils—Enabling works for this section will be starting shortly which includes erecting a temporary security fence and demolishing part of the existing wall.

Riverside St/Waterloo Place—Riverside Street will be closed to traffic towards the end of this month at the Boys Brigade Hall. This is to allow the existing riverside wall and handrail to be removed. Once this is complete, piling will commence.

We would like to thank local residents and businesses for their patience during these work.

PROTECTING THE TREES

Great care is being taken into the protection of the trees along the River Ness where the Flood Alleviation Scheme is taking place. Together, with the expertise of an Arboriculturist (tree specialist), work is ongoing along the River Ness to ensure the protection of the tree roots. Instead of sheet piling around the trees, which is a solid metal barrier, individually spaced concrete piles are being installed. Individual concrete piling aids in allowing the tree roots to grow freely as it is not a solid barrier. Lime trees are one of the main types of trees growing along the river. Lime trees provide food for hoverflies, ladybirds and many species of birds. The flowers provide nectar and pollen for insects, particularly bees.

Interesting fact: During the war, lime blossom was used to make a soothing tea.



ART WORKS

The art works are underway on the temporary hoarding around Anderson Park. Further art works are planned to continue with assistance from members/children from the local community.

