



WORK UPDATE

Huntly Place/Gilbert Street — The concrete piles have been installed along Huntly Place. The concrete works are ongoing and once completed, the installation of the drainage will begin. The construction of the pump station has started as has the installation of the concrete piles in Gilbert Street North. Once this is completed, the sheet piling works will follow on.

Anderson Street - The surfacing has been completed to binder course level. The handrail and sandstone copings are being installed onto the wall, this will be followed by the pavement reinstatement. Behind the flats in Anderson Street, the installation of the handrails has also started which will be followed by the pebble dashing onto the wall and the landscaping works.

Gael Force — McLaughlin & Harvey are currently completing the reclamation works.

Thornbush Quay—The kerbing has been completed. The footpath is being reinstated which will be followed by the pebble dashing of the new wall.

Kessock Road—The sheet piling is ongoing as is the excavation and preparation for concrete works. Please note that with the 3 way traffic lights which are in place, there will always be a slightly longer 'red' period than normally expected. Therefore, please build in extra time for your journeys.

Riverside St/Waterloo Place— The concrete piles have been completed. The lead trench excavation for the sheet piles is ongoing which will be followed by the concrete works. The ramp and pumping main will then be completed for the Bowling Club.

Portland Place— At the rear of the Riverview Flats, McLaughlin & Harvey will soon be commencing with the brick paving and bank reinstatement. Copings, handrail and pebble dashing will follow.

Shore Street— The surfacing works are ongoing and to date have been completed to binder level which will be followed by the installation of one of the floodgates.

Caledonian Oils—Continuation of the gravity wall concrete works.

Munros—The concrete wall works have been completed and the fencing to commence with the completion of the reinstatement work.

Cromwell Road / Longman Drive — Steel fixing and concrete wall works are ongoing.

The Great Flood of 1849

The most notable flood on the Ness occurred in January 1849 after sustained heavy rain. The Ness bridge succumbed to the waters. Much of Merkinch was underwater, the people crossed Waterloo bridge (Black bridge) to find refuge in the town. People wondered how long the "Black bridge" would stand. The Ness Islands suspension bridges came down, one of which struck Waterloo bridge, a wooden bridge at the time which sustained the loss of a couple of posts. The iron structure of the Ness Islands bridge passed by and the wooden bridge survived until it was replaced in 1896.

We would like to thank local residents and businesses for their patience with these works and apologise for any inconvenience.

If you have any concerns regarding the flood alleviation works please contact The River Ness Helpline on 07557 744442 or email on RivernessFAS@highland.gov.uk. For more information about the flood alleviation scheme visit the website: www.highland.gov.uk/info/1210/environment/80/flood_alleviation_schemes

