# Newsletter



December 2013





# A time for reflection before a look ahead to works on The River Ness for 2014

December is a month not only for celebration but a time for reflection. In this month's Newsletter we review the works to date and look ahead to 2014 on the River Ness Flood Alleviation Scheme.

# 2013 - A Review of Works

Works began in September on Bank Street with the input of sectional drainage prior to the commencement of sheet piling in October at the Bank Street/Friar's Lane junction. We encountered problems with sheet piling on Bank Street with the discovery of rock armour in the river bank. The decision was made to re-locate works to the top of Huntly Street. Concrete piling works continue on Douglas Row and sheet piling is currently underway in the Greig Street to Wells Street section of Huntly Street.

# **High Tides**

The banks of the River Ness burst last Thursday 5 December, this was due to a storm surge. Morgan Sindall sandbagged both side of the river to prevent damage to properties.

# 2014 – Looking Ahead

Morgan Sindall will re-commence works on Monday 6 January - Please see the outlined activities of work planned in each area of Phase 1 of The River Ness Flood Alleviation Scheme during January.

#### **Bank Street**

- Road closure between Friars Lane and Fraser Street.
- Preparation works for sheet piling.
- Commencement of flood wall construction.
- A partial re-closure of Bank Street in January to enable further drainage and ducting works.
- Sheet piling will re-commence on Bank Street between Greig Street Bridge and Ness Bridge.

#### **Huntly Street**

- Concrete piling works.
- Drainage and ducting.
- Flood wall construction.

#### **Douglas Row**

- Drainage and pumping station. construction (at the junction of Bank Street / Friars Lane).
- Flood wall construction.

Morgan Sindall would like to take this opportunity to thank the businesses and residents of Inverness for their patience over the last few months. We would like to wish you all the very best for the festive season. See you on 6 January 2014!

#### **Road Information**

- Bank Street \*\*NOW OPEN\*\*
- Douglas Row \*\*CLOSED\*\* Huntly Street \*\*OPEN\*\*
- between Young St and Greig St
- Huntly Street \*\*CLOSED\*\* between Greig St and Celt Street

# **Useful Dates**

- Winter Wonderland @ Whin Park 14-16 December
- (Hogmanay Party) Northern Meeting Park 31st December
- Morgan Sindall Site Closure for Christmas Holidays 20 December - 6 January 2014
- Kessock Bridge works 10 February - 31 July 2014

#### **Emergency Number**

If you have an emergency over the Christmas period relating to the **River Ness Flood Alleviation** Scheme, please call 07557 744442