



Flood defence wall starts to take shape as stone masonry work begins

Hello and welcome to the April edition of Morgan Sindall's monthly newsletter. This will update you with the latest information about the phase 1 works of the River Ness Flood Alleviation Scheme

Stone masonry work

Stone work on the walls started in mid-March. These works are being carried out by Boyles Stonemasons, a company based in Auchterarder, Perthshire. The Managing Director of Boyles Stonemasons, Michael Boyle, has said, "**We are delighted to have been appointed as the approved stonemasons for the works on the River Ness flood scheme. We look forward to playing a part in creating a safer flood prevention for the people of Inverness**". The stone work began outside the Mercure Hotel at the planters alongside Bank Street (pictured above right) and have now moved on to the flood defence wall on Bank Street, (pictured above) and Huntly Street. The stone chosen for the wall is sandstone with buff, yellow and pink colour variations.

Progress update

In March, Morgan Sindall extended the flood defence wall at both ends of Huntly Street as well as the flood wall on Bank Street. Further drainage works were carried out on Bank Street, from the bottom of Fraser Street to the bottom of Friars Lane on the east side of the river and from Friars Place to the bottom of Huntly Street by Wells Street on the west side.

Location of works in April

Huntly Street

- Young Street to Balnain Street, the road will be closed throughout April while we continue the construction of the wall.
- Celt Street to Wells Street, there will be further drainage works carried out as well as the continuation of the construction of the defence wall. We will be closing from Huntly Court to Celt Street for the drainage works.

Bank Street

- Bank Street will have drainage works carried out between Fraser Street and Bank Lane. We intend to start the foundations for the construction of the defence wall. The road will remain closed except to authorised vehicles.

Douglas Row

- Douglas Row will have utility work carried out in early April followed by the construction of the defence wall. This section of road will remain closed.

Phase 2 to start towards the end of April.

Phase 2 of the River Ness Flood Alleviation Scheme will commence towards the end of April. This phase of the scheme will see the flood defence wall and embankments being constructed on both sides of the river between Friars Bridge and the mouth of the river near the harbour.

For more information on Phase 2 please visit www.highland.gov.uk

Contact us

If you have any issues or concerns in regards to the works we would like to hear from you so please contact the River Ness Flood Alleviation Scheme, either call our helpline on 07557 744442 or email us at RivernessFAS@highland.gov.uk

Thank you for your continued patience throughout the works.