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Project Overview

- The new walking and cycling bridge will run from Gheluvelt Park to the east of the river to the Kepax site in St John's, to the west.
- For the first time it will allow users to enjoy a figure-of-eight route along the River Severn from the very well used Diglis bridge in the south, to the recently refurbished Sabrina Bridge near the city centre, to this new bridge in the north (and back again).
- The scheme will give the opportunity for people to walk and cycle much more quickly between the Henwick Park area (and further afield like Hallow and Broadheath) on the west and Barbourne and Claines in the east.



Following all the bridge sections being lifted into place this summer, the focus of the work has been to remove over 6500 tonnes of stone and import over 3000 tonnes of subsoil and topsoil material. All materials removed from site are recycled or reused on other construction schemes.

In addition to this, the bridge handrails have been installed, fencing and landscaping has been completed on the west side of the river, and National Grid has been on site to power the street lighting in the park and handrail lighting on the bridge.

Upcoming works will continue to focus on the removal of stone out of the park and importing soil in for landscaping. The on site cabins and car park have been removed to allow landscaping to continue on the east side of the river. There will also be works continuing the bridge with the installation of expansion joints and bearings and laying the final surfacing.

Works are scheduled to be complete before the end of the year.

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Community

Donation to Worcester Community Garden

The project team working on the Kepax Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge in Worcester were proud to donate some fencing materials to Worcester Community Garden.

The garden is within five minutes' walk of the Kepax Bridge Project and provides space for the local community to develop new skills, improve mental health and learn more about sustainability, including the use of natural resources and growing your own food.

During a recent visit to the garden our Public Liaison Officer and Environmental Advisor learnt about the steps volunteers are taking to protect some of their valuable greenhouses, storage and compostable toilets by placing them on floating pontoons.

Unfortunately, these pontoons are at risk of damage once flooding subsides from debris which was become stuck underneath. Volunteers had developed a net system using heras panels to prevent debris moving underneath the structures. More heras panels were needed to ensure further protection could be provided.

The site team donated 10 heras panels and associated materials to the gardens in advance of the flood season which can start as early as October. We hope these will support the garden as they respond to the impacts of climate change at a local level.



Further information about the project can be found on the Worcestershire County Council website at <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/kepaxbridge> or the Griffiths Community website at https://community.griffiths.co.uk/our_projects/kepax-walking-and-cycling-bridge/