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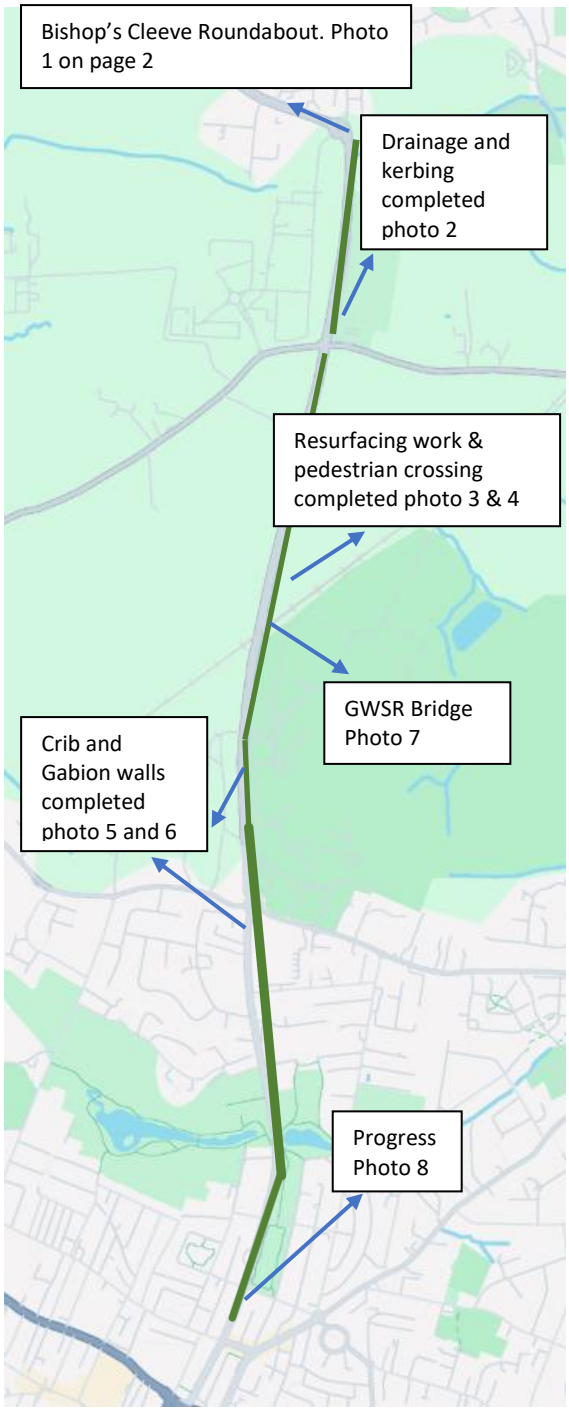
A435 CYCLEWAY – CHELTENHAM TO BISHOP'S CLEEVE

Montel Civil Engineering has been appointed by **Gloucestershire County Council** as the main contractor to complete Section 2 of the A435 Cheltenham to Bishop's Cleeve Cycleway.

Latest updates on the project as of 10th of September 2025 are:



Work on the new cycleway is progressing well, with significant milestones achieved over the past month.

Due to unforeseen additional works involving utility diversions and essential structural repairs to the **GWSR Bridge**, the full road closure has been extended to **22nd of September**. From 6am on Monday 22nd September the road will re-open to southbound (Bishop's Cleeve to Cheltenham) traffic.

Over the last four weeks, progress has been significant. Key achievements include:

- Extensive structural repairs to the GWSR Bridge (Photo 6 page 2).
- Completion of crib and gabion walls between the Racecourse roundabout and the GWSR Bridge (photos 4&5).
- Full cycle/footway surfacing of the stretch between the GWSR Bridge and Hyde Lane Junction and installation of pedestrian crossing (photo 3).

We have also begun improvements at Bishop's Cleeve Roundabout, which will continue during the upcoming weeks.

At the Wellington Road / Evesham Road Junction, the main works and resurfacing are now complete. Only minor finishing works remain, which we expect to complete during October / November.

Looking ahead, works will continue on the GWSR bridge, and preparations will begin at the A435 / Hyde Lane Junction for an overnight closure and surfacing. Full details can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

We'd like to thank everyone for their continued patience and support as we deliver these important improvements.

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Photo 1: Bishop's Cleeve Roundabout

Work has progressed here and in the upcoming weeks we are hoping to work on kerbing and prep for resurfacing.

Photo 2: Adjacent to Cheltenham Tigers Rugby Club

Drainage and kerbing have been completed, and the area is being prepared for surfacing.

Photo 3: By Webbs Garden Centre

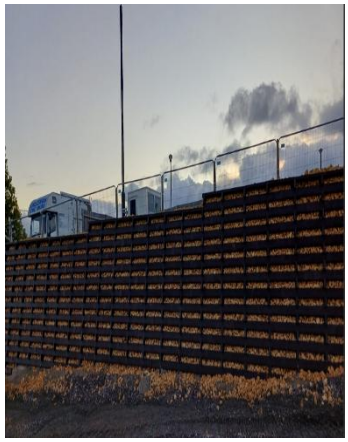
Photo 4: East side of A435

Although originally planned to be completed later in the project, we took advantage of road closure extension and added additional resources to finish this part prior to the road reopening to southbound traffic.

Photo 5: Gabion wall

Gabion wall is now completed.

Photo 6: Crib wall



Crib wall, one of more complex parts of the project is now fully completed. This is an important structure which facilitates the new cycleway and footway.

Photo 7: GWSR Bridge

Structural work and parapet brickwork on the bridge is ongoing.

Photo 8: Wellington Road / Evesham Road junction

Junction works completed and new crossings and cycleway in place.

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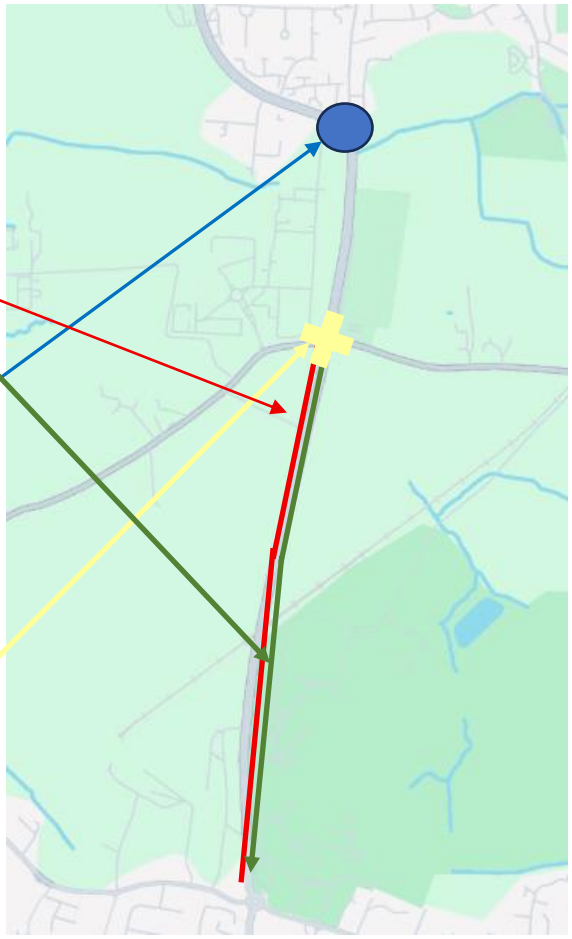
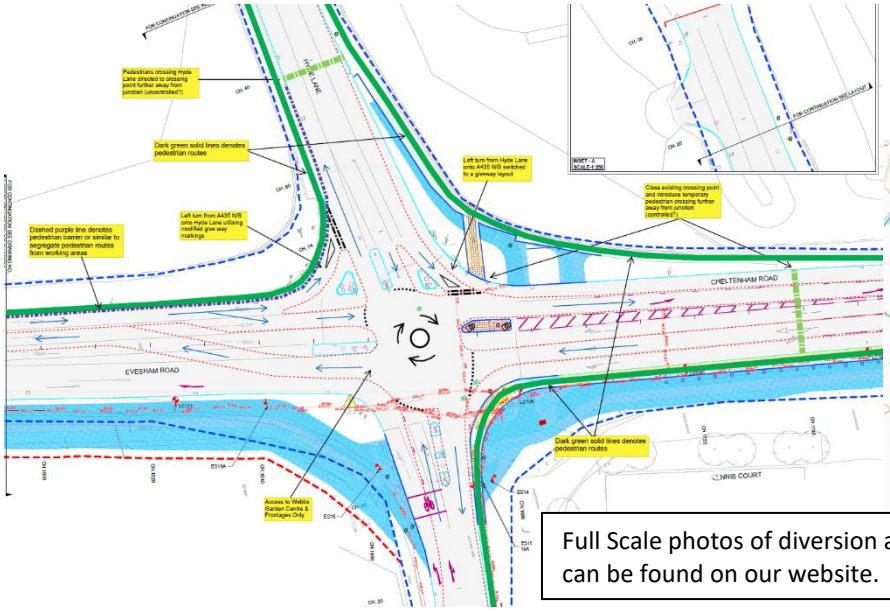
We would like to inform all residents and businesses that over the coming weeks there will be **changes to traffic management and some road closures** to enable the project to proceed safely. We have designed these measures to safeguard everyone on and around the site and to **keep disruption to a minimum**.

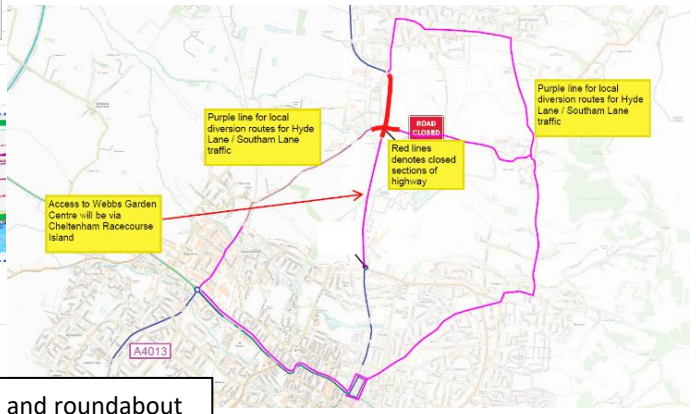
Full closure A435
Until 22nd of September 2025
The A435 remains fully closed between the Hyde Lane / Southam Lane junction and Cheltenham Racecourse Roundabout. The road will open to southbound traffic only from 6am on the 22nd of September.

Bishop's Cleeve Roundabout
Temporary traffic signals (4-way, overnight)
15th to 26th of September 2025 (19:00–06:00)
Temporary signals will be in operation to enable installation of road duct crossings.

Hyde Lane / Southam Lane Junction: Closures & Works
Temporary Mini-roundabout installation
5th of October (20:00) - 6th of October (06:00)
Full junction closure to install a temporary mini-roundabout and switch off existing signals.
Diversion routes will mirror those used for the current closure, with additional provisions for Hyde Lane and Southam Lane residents, detailed route can be found on the right and on our website.







Full Scale photos of diversion and roundabout can be found on our website.

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More than Cones and Closures Giving Back to Gloucestershire

At Montel, we believe in giving back to the communities in which we work. As part of our commitments on this project, we pledged to Gloucestershire County Council that we would actively support the local community and help stimulate the local economy, particularly by working with regional suppliers, subcontractors, and service providers. Since commencing work on the Cycleway in collaboration with Gloucestershire County Council, we have contributed to the community in a number of meaningful ways.
We are proud to be working with local suppliers and currently employ more than ten individuals from Gloucestershire through our supply chain. We have also welcomed an apprentice into our team, who is proving to be an outstanding young talent with a bright future ahead.

Most recently, our Head of Social Value and Community Engagement, Michael, visited Cheltenham Open Door to explore how we could best support their work. Following this visit, we've identified a project to help refurbish their kitchen.
Cheltenham Open Door, are an amazing organisation that provides a welcoming space for individuals experiencing homelessness, housing difficulties, addiction, mental health challenges, and social isolation.

If you would like to find out more about their mission or support them yourselves please head to their website https://cheltenhamopendoor.org.uk/

Supporting the local community matters to us, and we're always happy to lend a hand. If there's an organisation you think we should know about, drop us a line!

CHELTENHAM OPEN DOOR

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