

Zouch Bridge Replacement News

September 2025



Newsletter number 4



Aerial photograph August 25

Welcome to our latest Zouch bridge update

The first part of the bridge moved ahead on time!
More details inside, including road closure information.

Working in partnership with...



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Update September 2025

The first steelwork delivery took place on 25th & 26th June as planned and everything went smoothly. Our teams worked into the evening to minimise traffic disruption to the area. This was a precision operation, and we are proud of everyone involved.

The first phase of the bridge launching took place on 29th of August without any disruption to the public. When you drive now next to the new bridge you will see the steel beams standing over the river Soar. (see pictures on the next page)



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Steelwork delivery

The next delivery is scheduled for the 10th September 2025.

The second steel shipment will again be from Belgium, and is being transported in 3 deliveries, with a police escort from M1 J24 to the A6 junction with the A6006, This will follow the same format as the earlier closure.

Road closure

This will necessitate a **temporary overnight road closure**. There will be a signed diversion route, during the hours of 7pm-6am on the night. As you can see from the photographs, the transport vehicles have to reverse onto site as they are too large to turn. Emergency access will be maintained for the whole duration of the closures.

Throughout the project we are collaborating with partners across the network to minimise disruption as the works progress.



29th of August bridge launching



Scour protection on the River



The bridge nosing landing on the other side of the River Soar



Water main steel sleeves for diverting the new Utilities in your homes

Main works – Autumn 2025

The second steelwork delivery for the bridge takes place on the 10th September. The first part of the bridge has been moved into place for the phase 1, and after the deliveries the bridge will be moved again to the final position in October 2025. Then will be jacked down to the final positions (bearings).

By the end of the Year, the bridge will be installed, and we will be ready to start tying in the new structure to the existing services so that it can become operational.

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Meet the Contractor

On the 3rd October 2025, we welcome you to come and meet our Team, at the Zouch Boating Club, between 12 noon - 3pm.

- Ask any questions
- View aerial photography

Light refreshments will be available
We look forward to seeing you

If you are unable to make this date but would like us to contact you, please email ZouchBridgeEnquiries@ericwright.co.uk

- Lesley Davison, Public Liaison Officer, EWCE

Social value update

Since the last newsletter we have recruited two local students to the project as part of their academic qualifications. Firstly, we have recruited an assistant engineer for a Civil Engineering placement from Loughborough University, who will spend 12 months with us gaining vital industry experience. We have also recruited a Design, Surveying and Planning T Level students from SMB College. The student will spend 315 hours with us to gain the industry hours needed in order to achieve the T Level qualification. To showcase the benefits to the students of industry experience, Leicestershire County Council recently visited site to interview the students, which will be released as a series of VLOGS via the councils social media channels.

To keep up to date with the scheme, please see www.leicestershire.gov.uk/zouch-bridge-replacement-scheme

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