

# Zouch Bridge Replacement News

December 2025



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## Welcome to our latest Zouch bridge update

**As 2025 draws to a close, we're proud of the progress made on the Zouch Bridge project.** This edition includes a look back at the works completed through the autumn and a preview of what's coming in the new year as we move into the next phase.

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## Update December 2025

### Autumn Progress: Zouch Bridge Takes Shape

It has been a busy and exciting few months on-site! If you have passed by recently, you will have noticed that the landscape is changing rapidly.

### Bridging the Gap

The most exciting development occurred across October and November. First, we launched the new bridge across the river. Once spanning the water, the team achieved a major milestone in November by fitting the bearings and carefully lowering the bridge into its final resting position.

### Below the Surface

While the bridge stole the show, vital work continued on the ground. We've installed a retaining wall to the west using contiguous wall piles and worked closely with **BT** and **Cadent** to prepare ducts for future utility diversions.

### Looking the Part

Following earthworks to build up the new bridge approach roads with water permeable layers of stone, the route is coming to life. The alignment of the future road and the new south verge are now clearly visible. We have even started minor landscaping works, giving us all a first look at the character of the finished project.



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## Meet the Contractor event

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our *Meet the Contractor* event on **3rd October**. It was fantastic to welcome you, answer your questions, and hear what the new bridge means to the community.

Special thanks to **Loughborough Boat Club** for kindly hosting the event—we couldn't have done it without you!



## Ecology update

### Protecting Local Wildlife

Throughout the project, we've worked closely with the **Environment Agency** to ensure our activities respect the natural habitat.

### Nesting Birds

In the new year it will be necessary to cover the underside of the current bridge in netting to ensure that nesting birds aren't disrupted during the demolition phase.

### Did You Know?

We'll be adding **house martin nesting boxes** under the new bridge—helping local bird populations thrive for years to come.





Bridge Launch 2 – October 25

To watch the bridge launch scan the QR code below



East Earthworks – October 25



Bridge works – Nov 25

To keep up to date with the scheme, please see [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/zouch-bridge-replacement-scheme](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/zouch-bridge-replacement-scheme)

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West Earthworks – December 25



# What's happening early 2026?

## Upcoming works

### Main Works – Starting December 2025

The Zouch Bridge project is entering an exciting new phase as we head into the new year.

### Bridge Deck Construction

The first week of December marks a major milestone: concrete works for the bridge deck are underway. This step brings us closer to completing the structure.

### Road Closure Ahead

In the Spring of 2026, the A6006 will close temporarily. This is essential to allow utility diversions and join up the existing road with the new bridge approach roads. We'll keep you updated on timings to help minimise disruption.

### What's Happening On-Site

During this period, our teams will:

- Install drainage systems
- Carry out utility diversions for Cadent, Severn Trent Water, and BT
- Complete landscaping
- Lay road surfacing

### Opening the New Bridge

Once these works are complete, traffic will switch to the new bridge—providing a safer, modern crossing for the community and all road users.

### Next Steps

After the switch, the old bridge will be demolished, making way for final landscaping and finishing touches.

## Festive greetings from Eric Wright Civil Engineering

**Best wishes from the Zouch team and the Eric Wright group for the holiday season and the New Year**

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### Social value update

At the recent *Meet the Contractor* event, we were proud to give back to the local community. Two charitable donations of **£1,000 each** were presented to **Loughborough Boat Club** and **The Peter Le Marchant Trust**—organisations that make a real difference in the lives of local people.

Vlogs are available via these links, or scan the QR codes below the pictures:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jLaZg0ik1M>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFVM1hnwSqk>





# Zouch Bridge in pictures: 2025

