



# A249 Grovehurst Road Improvement Scheme

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*Works progressing on the southern gyratory*

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Dear stakeholder,

Earlier in September, after the installation of the new bridge deck, we closed the A249 southbound exit slip road at Grovehurst Road (towards Maidstone) to allow us to start major works on the southern gyratory. Works on the new bridge and northern gyratory also continues as the scheme progresses.

### **Traffic Management Update**

A weekend closure of Swale Way in both directions is scheduled to take place from **7am on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October until 5am on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October**. We will be installing a deep-water main across the carriageway. Pedestrian and cycling access will be maintained during the closure.

Since the southbound exit slip road closed, our daily traffic management monitors have reported no more than 15 minutes of delays within the traffic management, during peak hours. We will continue to monitor our traffic management plan in order to minimise disruption as much as possible.

As you may be aware, the Kingsferry Bridge closure is scheduled to take place from **10pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October until 5am on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**. To minimise traffic congestion during this period, we will temporarily remove the traffic management on the A249 northbound mainline (towards the Isle of Sheppey), meaning both lanes will be in use.

### **Monthly Drop-in Session**

Our next drop-in session is scheduled for Thursday **24<sup>th</sup> October 2024**. As always, project personnel from Jacksons and Kent County Council will be present to answer any questions regarding the scheme. We will also be able to provide a more detailed explanations to how the works are progressing.





## Current and Upcoming Works

### **Northern Gyrotory**

Works have continued on the new bridge since the installation of the decks. We have now completed the first concrete pour on the new bridge.

Drainage and ducting works have continued under traffic management around the A249 northbound exit slip road area. We are also carrying out pavement works, and Southern Water is also installing a foul main on Grovehurst Road north (towards Iwade) between the Grovehurst Road bridge and the new roundabout.

### **Southern Gyrotory**

We have now removed the surface of the existing A249 southbound exit slip road and are installing rock fills to raise it to the level of the new bridge. Drainage and earthworks have progressed in this area too. The central island of Swale Way roundabout has now been dismantled in preparation for the southern gyrotory alignment.

During the Swale Way weekend closure on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, BT completed the installation of a duct crossing, across the carriageway.

## Working in our Community

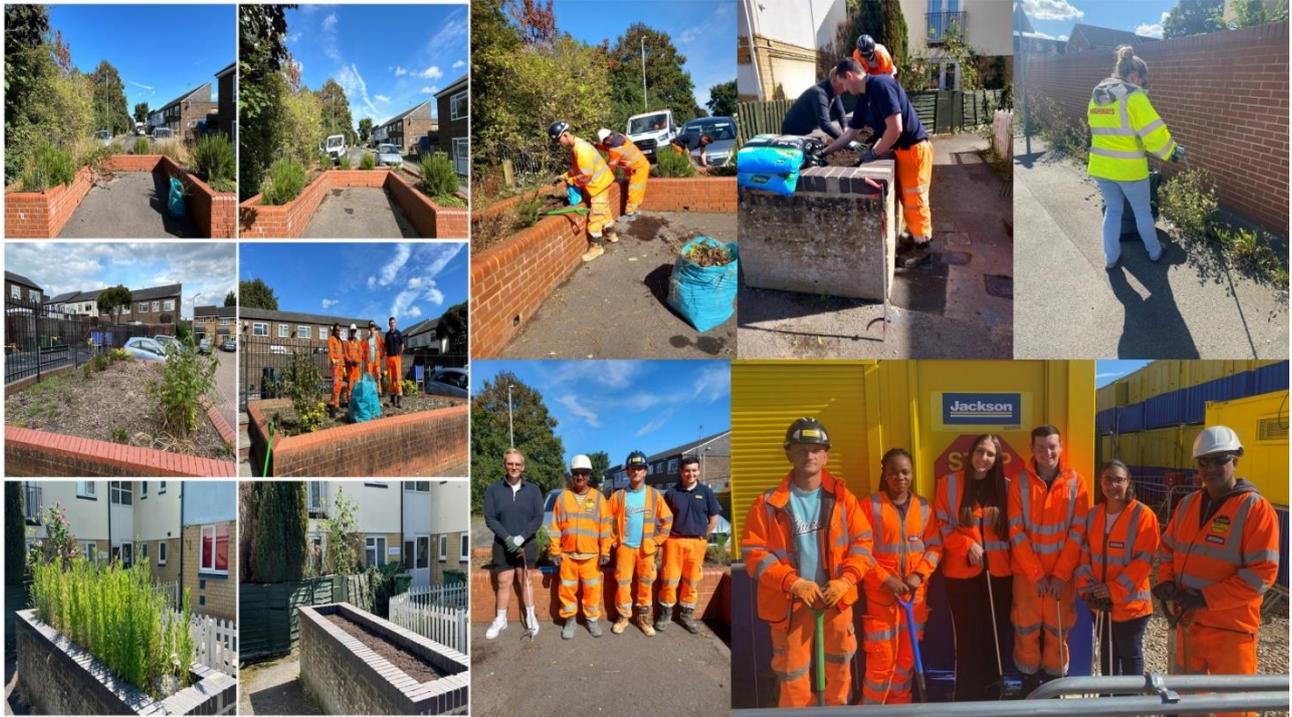
Last month we arranged a Volunteering Day in Kemsley as part of our community engagement activities on the A249 Grovehurst Road scheme. A team of nine, including a representative from Kent County Council and a local councillor, Ashley Wise, participated in the activity which involved two teams litter picking along Swale Way and weeding and preparing flower beds.

We also donated 10 bags of topsoil to replenish two planters.





Photos from Volunteering Day



Kind regards,

The project team

**For more information about the Grovehurst Road Project, please visit: [A249 Grovehurst Road and interchange junction - Kent County Council](#) on the Kent County Council website.**

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