

## Cannington Flood Defence Scheme Newsletter – 26/11/16

The Cannington Flood Alleviation Scheme has progressed well over the summer with most of the channel completed and the culverts installed under the A39. Work on the upstream inlet structure is underway, with the structural walls complete and the Hydro-brakes installed.

There are four crossings of the channel to complete, two are underway with the remainder (which includes one public footbridge) starting shortly.

Recent rain has understandably slowed the progress. This includes the postponement the diversion of the Wessex water main, which was due on Monday 21 November. The water main will be shut down overnight on Tuesday 6 December. This will allow us to complete the drainage installation on the west side of the A39.

While not yet completed, we were able to make some use of the new channel during storm Angus in line with the Cannington flood plan, which helped reduce flows through the village. We are improving the capability of the channel to withstand similar storms as an interim measure until the channel will become fully operational in 2017. The project is due for completion at the end of March next year.

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