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B4096 Lyneham Banks newsletter - March 2025

We are excited to announce that the B4069 Lyneham Banks project is nearing completion. Keep an eye on [Wiltshire Council's website](#) and [Facebook page](#) over the coming weeks for more information on the road's opening date.

As we approach this final milestone, we reflect on the dedication, hard work, and collaboration that have made this achievement possible. Over the course of the project, we've built about 120 metres of road, which includes a retaining wall with deep piles, ground anchors, and support structures on the slope, and we are eager to see the lasting positive impact it will have on the community. In this final newsletter, we will share key accomplishments, highlight the challenges we've overcome, and look forward to the benefits this project will bring.

Building success: A summary of our completed work

Works carried out included removing around 9,000 cubic meters of damaged and loose road material to create a strong base for the new surface.





We built special drains across the road (at right angles to the B4069) that direct water to a filter drain that runs along the road and into a nearby stream, through a drainage structure north of the B4069.



We also dug a new ditch at the top of the slope to help prevent future issues higher up the hill.

We built a new 108-metre-long retaining wall, with extra support in areas that were at risk of slipping, to prevent future problems. We also put in new drainage systems along the road to collect water from the gullies and carry it away through a new pipe that connects to a ditch on the western side of the area.

Finally, we reinstated the B4069 road and installed a Vehicle Restraint System (VRS) in the verge to improve road safety and reduce the risk of accidents.

Working with the local community

Since the beginning of the project, our team has worked hard to build strong relationships with the community by listening to their concerns and acting positively to address them. As part of our commitment to leaving a lasting legacy, we partnered with Pennv Building & Maintenance Services

working together, the partners have been jointly maintaining the site to enhance the local school's Forest School space. The team conducted tree surgery and cleared overgrowth to create a safer, larger area for outdoor learning, where students explore nature and develop skills like shelter-building and fire-lighting.

In addition, the project team has hosted work placements for local college students, providing valuable hands-on experience in the field. We also held a Meet the Contractor event, offering the public a chance to meet the team, ask questions, and voice any concerns about the project.





We've also donated a collection of STEM books to inspire young minds and encourage early exploration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. These initiatives are part of our broader mission to support habitat enhancement and promote biodiversity in the local area.





To contact the Octavius project team, please email lynehambanksproject@octavius.co.uk.

Kind regards,
Octavius and Wiltshire Council

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