

## **ROAD CLOSURE, Whitchurch Road, Pangbourne**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022 from 7.30am to 4.30pm**

### **West Berkshire's notification to Pangbourne Parish Council:**

*"I am writing to inform you that the Council's Contractor Volker Highways Ltd will shortly be commencing footway improvements at Whitchurch Road Railway Bridge, Pangbourne. These works form part of the Council's ongoing programme of footway improvement works.*

*Advanced information boards will be erected on site and whilst these works are subject to weather conditions, every effort will be made to complete these works as programmed. Should it be necessary to revise these timings, the information boards will be updated accordingly. Alternatively, you can view the current status of the scheme by visiting <https://one.network/?GB128217376> where any updates will be posted.*

*Should you have any queries regarding these works, please do not hesitate to contact the Council's Customer Services Team on 01635 519080 in the first instance."*

### **Information from the Pangbourne Parish Clerk:**

This closure is for planned works by West Berks Council to completely remove and re-instate the footway and kerbing running underneath and approaching either side of the railway bridge, which has previously only been patched. Unfortunately, due to the difficult location the works will require a full road closure, cutting off vehicular access to the bridge from the Pangbourne side and also to the doctors' surgery, meadows, recreation ground and car parks. Vehicular access will still be possible to these but only from the Whitchurch side. Overnight works were requested; however, WBC have calculated that overnight working would have meant a significantly longer closure period. The works are planned for the first weekend of May half term during the hours of 7.30am and 4.30pm with blue light emergency access but NO residents only vehicle access from the Pangbourne side. Before and after these times each day, general vehicle access will be possible, and the road will be open. Pedestrian access will remain possible at all times.

I have had confirmation of the following from WBC:

- The River Meadows, Recreation Ground and Working Men's club car parks can all stay open but can only be accessed from the Whitchurch side.
- Whitchurch Bridge will remain open for vehicles but with access limited to ONLY being available between the general area of Thames Avenue /Working Men's Club across the river and back but no through traffic is possible from or into Pangbourne Village.

If you have any concerns or queries regarding the closure, please direct them to the customer services team at WBC on the number above or let us know and we can put you in touch with the project team. Basic info and updates can also be found on the One Network link below and we will post any further information we have on the parish website and social media nearer the time.