

Dawlish sea wall residents' update

Work completed on the installation of 98 pre-cast units



Heavy excavators are used to build sand 'bunds' to give the team extra time to carry out works

Throughout November, work on the new sea wall at Dawlish has focussed on the installation of 98 pre-cast foundation units where heavy machinery was used to lift each unit into place at the toe of the existing sea wall.



During works, the team used excavators to build sand 'bunds'. These create a barrier, giving an extra working hour when the tide came back in.

To date, all units have now been secured to the milled foundation bases using special 'dowels', in preparation for the next phase of works.

Work on the new sea wall stopped on Friday 20 December and will resume on Monday 6 January 2020.

Updates as to the progress of the work will continue to be sent in the new year as the first phase of works continues towards a conclusion.

School site trip for Dawlish pupils

Pupils from Gatehouse Primary School in years 5 and 6 were given the opportunity to visit the site and ask questions about the new sea wall being built in Dawlish.

"We're encouraging schools to join us in the new year for a question and answer session, giving inquisitive children the opportunity to find out more," says David Lovell of Network Rail.



In total 96 pupils from Gatehouse Primary visited the site for an update

If your school would like to take part, further details on future site trips can be obtained by emailing

SouthWestRRP@networkrail.co.uk

Dawlish sea wall residents' update

Art competition winners to be announced: 'What Dawlish means to me'



90 entries were received from pupils at local Dawlish schools who took part in the art competition

Last month, Network Rail invited Dawlish schoolchildren to take part in an art competition to brighten up hoardings around the new sea wall works at Colonnade underpass.

Based on the theme 'What Dawlish means to me', 90 individual entries were received by pupils from West Cliff Primary School, Gatehouse Primary School and Orchard Manor.

David Lovell, senior programme manager for Network Rail's South West Rail Resilience Programme, said: "It's great to see so many pupils from local schools coming together to share what they love about Dawlish.

"Winners will be chosen shortly and schools informed soon. Winning pupils will be invited to attend the unveiling of their art on the new hoardings located at Colonnade underpass in the new year."

Keeping you updated over Christmas

The community information hub near Colonnade underpass is open to help keep the public informed of works at Dawlish.

The last session of 2019 was held on Wednesday 18 December and is now closed for the Christmas period. The information sessions will restart on Wednesday 8 January.

If you do need to get in contact, please call our dedicated 24-hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41 or email SouthWestRRP@networkrail.co.uk

Please note the South West Rail Resilience Programme's dedicated social media pages will

not be monitored between Wednesday 25 December and Wednesday 1 January 2020. We'll be back posting updates again from 2 January.



Pupils are invited to learn about works currently being carried out