

Dawlish sea wall residents' update

Completion of Marine Parade sea wall for the summer holidays



We have built the first section of the new sea wall at Marine Parade, with seating and lighting to be installed when we return later in the year

The first section of the new Dawlish sea wall has now been built, with the beach and promenade reopening on Tuesday 28 July. The footbridge to Boat Cove reopened slightly earlier on Friday 24 July, while the car parking spaces along Marine Parade are now available for public use once again.

All of the wave recurve panels along the new wall are now in place, providing a resilient railway line and ensuring the future of this vital rail link through Dawlish. We will be continuing work on the viewing platforms following the reopening, but you can still walk along the promenade while this is ongoing.

We will then begin to install the permanent fencing between the promenade and the railway boundary, followed by the lighting and seating. These will be installed with the use of hand tools, so there will be no need for us to use heavy plant or machinery. This also means that the beach will not need to be closed again. Sections of the promenade will be fenced off while we work, but you will still be able to walk along it.

Stone cladding for boundary wall

The image on the right is a sample of the stone cladding which has been agreed by Teignbridge District Council and will run along the landward face of the boundary wall. This will be visible from the houses along Marine Parade and the path leading up to the footbridge to Boat Cove.

This cladding cannot be placed on the seaward face of the wall as it would not be strong enough to endure the harsh weather conditions.



A sample of the stone cladding which will run along the landward face of the boundary wall

Temporary fencing along the wall

One aspect of the wall that we were unfortunately unable to complete before reopening the promenade was the fencing that runs along the landward boundary wall. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our supplier was unable to supply the materials during lockdown. As a result, the materials have just started to arrive, which we will install at night, while trains aren't running.

In the meantime, we have installed a temporary fence to ensure the safety of the public walking along the new promenade and to prevent trespass on to the tracks.



The fencing will run along the panels seen on the left of this picture, preventing trespass on to the railway line

The sea wall in the summer

The reopening of the beach and promenade brings the opportunity to enjoy this space for the first time since work restarted back in September. Since then, there have been plenty of changes, with more still to come.

Locals and visitors alike can now take advantage of the wider, safer promenade. The height of the seaward-facing wall from the promenade is 1.1m, so most people will still be able to take in the wonderful sea views, and it ties into the existing levels at both Colonnade underpass and Boat Cove.

The promenade also has improved accessibility, thanks to the new ramps at Town Gateway. At this end, there is currently some temporary surfacing, as this is where the first section of the wall will connect to the second section, which will run between Colonnade and Coastguards breakwaters.

This area is still open to the public and we expect to begin work on the second section later this year, if our plans receive consent.



The new, wider promenade is much safer and more accessible thanks to the new ramp.

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