

Keeping in touch

Tess Smith has been appointed as Kier's dedicated Whaley Bridge Stakeholder Manager to keep residents informed and updated about progress on the construction project.

She will be available at a new weekly drop-in community hub every Wednesday afternoon, 2.30pm – 5pm, in the Transhipment Warehouse at the Canal Basin in Whaley Bridge. There will also be a noticeboard with regular updates posted both at the warehouse and by the site works, plus local letter drops to near neighbours about construction traffic and site activity.

Tess will be sending out regular updates by email and organising more drop-in sessions. If you have any specific construction queries or would like to join the email list please get in touch with her at: Toddbrook@kier.co.uk or Tel: 07731 987228.

Move More Whaley – a joint project with High Peak Council

Get fit and active! Kier and the local council have joined forces to promote new walking routes around Whaley Bridge. And for children - find a decorated 'Kindness Stone' and win a cute, fluffy Otter toy. Take a photo of the stone's location on your phone and bring the stone to Tess to exchange for the lovely soft toy. Check out the site hoardings for more details of the walking routes and otter competition.



Above: Tess Smith, Kier's local Stakeholder Manager, who will be giving regular public updates on the Toddbrook construction project.



Above: Track down a 'kindness stone' and Tess will exchange it for a cute Otter soft toy.

If you have further questions about the restoration of Toddbrook Reservoir

For more information check out our Canal & River Trust website: canalrivertrust.org.uk/restoring-toddbrook-reservoir

You can also contact the Project Team with any comments or questions by:

Email: toddbrook@canalrivertrust.org.uk
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Restoring Toddbrook Reservoir

Construction work begins



We are pleased to report that the main construction phase of the project to restore Toddbrook Reservoir has started, with the works due to complete and the reservoir reopen in 2024.

The northern end of the Memorial Park has been closed temporarily to accommodate the site compound. However the public will still be able to walk through the park on a footpath connecting Reservoir Road to the Memorial Park Bridge, featuring a viewing point to see work in progress.

New children's play equipment has been installed at the top of the dam, next to Whaley Bridge

Football Club. At the end of the project, a new playground, similar to the existing one, will be rebuilt at the same location in the Memorial Park. The park will also be re-landscaped with trees, wildlife habitats, extra paths and a new footbridge over the reservoir's bypass channel.

Keeping disruption to a minimum for local residents is a key priority for the Canal & River Trust and our contractor, Kier. A community 'Stakeholder Manager' has been appointed by Kier to liaise closely with those affected by the works and to give regular community updates as the project progresses.

PUBLIC MEETING INVITATION:
Everyone is invited to a free, drop-in, public information evening to explain more about the Toddbrook Reservoir restoration project.

Venue: Whaley Bridge Primary School.

Date: Wednesday 5 October, 4pm – 7pm.

You can also keep up to date with developments over the coming months through the Canal & River Trust website: canalrivertrust.org.uk/restoring-toddbrook-reservoir

Thank you for your support.



Artist impression of the dam and new spillway structure from the Memorial Park.

What happens next?

Preparatory site works are now well under way. Initial tasks include setting up the construction site, access and welfare in Memorial Park, and delivery of essential materials such as sheet piles. Access to the site will mainly be along Reservoir Road.

Drainage and feeder channels are being diverted to make way for construction of a new overflow spillway structure on the north side of the dam, near to the existing boat slipway and primary spillway.

In the autumn, the major project work will start there to create the new side channel weir and 'tumblebay', leading into a new spillway channel and stilling basin, which will link into the existing bypass channel flowing into the River Goyt in the Memorial Park.

Towards the end of the project, concrete panels from the 1970s spillway, damaged in summer 2019, will be removed. The dam will then be repaired and grassed over. This will be followed by works to the Todd Brook inlet to improve its resilience to high rainfall.

High volume pumps will remain in the reservoir to manage water levels until the end of the restoration project in 2024.

To make way for the new spillway works, the sailing club will be relocated behind the new tumble bay. The existing clubhouse has been dismantled and will be replaced by a new sailing club slipway, clubhouse, boat storage and car park.



Above: Artist impression of the new Sailing Club.

High Peak MP Robert Largan visits works

In August High Peak MP Robert Largan was given a preview of the construction project by Canal & River Trust chief executive Richard Parry and project manager Tom Greenwood, and Kier project manager Karen Woods.

Mr Largan said afterwards: “It’s really important to restore Toddbrook Reservoir. It’s a beautiful reservoir at the heart of the local community and we want to get it back to looking its best and back to looking beautiful again. It’s really important for nature, for wildlife and water management.

“It has been really good to be here with Kier and the Canal & River Trust, looking at the site and the works that are underway to restore the reservoir. I am really impressed by the professionalism and dedication of all the team here and their commitment to restoring the reservoir as soon as possible and trying to minimise disruption as much as possible for residents too.”



Above: MP Robert Largan is briefed on the Toddbrook restoration works by Canal & River Trust project manager Tom Greenwood (centre), with Trust chief executive Richard Parry (far left) and Kier project manager Karen Woods (far right).



Above: Reservoir view.



Above: Preparatory construction works include setting up a site compound and the diversion of drainage and feeder channels to make way for the new spillway.