

Newsletter

Discover Your Local History in Our Exciting ELOR Archaeology Webinars.

Teams on the East Leeds Orbital Route (ELOR) have been undertaking an exciting and exploratory programme of archaeological site investigations. The works have included the excavation of 219 trial trenches between Red Hall and Manston Lane as well as metal detection works between Red Hall and Wood Lane.

To showcase our findings and to coincide with this month's "Festival of Archaeology", we have collaborated with Wessex Archaeology to bring you a series of webinars. The webinars have been created to give you a more in-depth look at the archaeology of the local area.

The first webinar will be:

"Discover the Archaeology of East Leeds" which will broadcast on Thursday 16th July 10-10.45am.

Experts from Wessex Archaeology will talk you through archaeological processes and the excavations that have taken place on site. Discover why archaeology is important as we show you some of the historical artifacts and features we have found on ELOR.

There'll be opportunities to ask questions and the chance to hear how archaeologists ended up in the roles they are in today.

Log in as we take you on a journey of East Leeds' hidden secrets

Please register for the Student Session - **Thursday 16th July 10-10.45am** via the link below.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/911664872002196747>



The second webinar will be.....

East Leeds' hidden secrets

Please register for the General Public Session - **Wednesday 29th July 6 – 7 pm** via the link below.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1839430584852447247>



Archaeology Trenches at Skeltons Lane – ELOR 2020

Health and Safety News

Following the recent government announcement about a reduction in social distancing to 1 metre plus, Balfour Beatty have undertaken a strategic review of our current COVID controls.

Because of this review we are maintaining our social distancing on all sites at 2 metres.

Any close working that may be required will be subject to the development of an appropriate safe system of work with appropriate controls in place.



Automated Plant Crossing – Leeds Road

Best Practice Plant Crossings

June saw the peak of collaborative working to put together a system which allows our plant crossings to become more automated.

This means we are installing much safer plant crossings across the carriageways with no need for the operative controlling the crossing to work near any equipment.

The plant crossing will control the traffic on the carriageway as well as the pedestrians on the footpath. In addition, the plant crossing will also control the plant on the haul route, and this will ensure a safer way to work and reduce traffic congestion.

These crossings are being installed with a new type of approach matting which will help remove soil from vehicle tyres and reduce the amount of soil being carried onto the carriageway.

Please note that all 4-way lights referenced will only be in operation when site plant is required to safely cross the existing network. This method not only reduces pollution by keeping movements to a minimum but also reduces the impact on local communities by keeping site traffic within the footprint of the scheme.

This is the first time that the crossings have been used this way on a Balfour Beatty project!

Phase 3 – ELOR Main Works

What's happening in your area:

Site Entrance A6120 Roundabout: Junction 1

- Site set up is continuing and a new boundary fence line has been established alongside the existing A6120.

Site Entrance A6120 Roundabout: Junction 1 - 4 Week Look Ahead

- Tree clearance / Site clearance will be completed by the end of July 2020.
- Works will start on this junction early August to start construction of the new roundabout. Traffic flow will not be affected during this phase of the works.



ELOR Drone View of Junction 1 The New A6120 Roundabout Site – July 2020

Phase 3 – ELOR Main Works

What's happening in your area:

Wetherby Road A58 Junction 2 - Between Wellington Public House and Marks & Spencer Services.

- Site set up is continuing and a new boundary fence line has been established alongside the existing A58.
- Archaeology will continue within this area.

Wetherby Road A58 Junction 2 Between - Wellington Public House and Marks & Spencer Services. 4 Week Look Ahead.

- Works will start on this junction in early August to start to construct the new roundabout.
- During this phase of the works 4-way lights will be in operation to allow us to move machinery along the length of the project with minimal impact on the local traffic network.



ELOR Drone View of Junction 2 The New A58 Roundabout Site – July 2020

Phase 3 – ELOR Main Works

What's happening in your area:

Skeltons Lane Roundabout Junction 3 Between Thorner Lane and Coal Road.

- Site set up is continuing and a new boundary fence line has been established alongside the existing Skeltons Lane.
- Archaeology will continue within this area.

Skeltons Lane Roundabout Junction 3 Between Thorner Lane and Coal Road – 4 Week Look Ahead

- Works will start on this junction in early August to start to construct the new roundabout.
- During this phase of the works 4-way lights will be in operation to allow us to move machinery along the length of the project with minimal impact on the local traffic network.



ELOR Drone View of The New Skeltons Lane Roundabout Site Junction 3 – July 2020

Phase 3 – ELOR Main Works

What's happening in your area:

York Road A64 Roundabout Junction 4 - Between Thorner Lane and Woodlands Way.

- Site set up is continuing and a new boundary fence line has been established alongside the existing A64
- Archaeology will continue in this area.

York Road A64 Roundabout Junction 4 - Between Thorner Lane and Woodlands Way – 4 Week Look Ahead

- Site clearance will continue and be completed by the end of July 2020.
- Works will start on this junction in early August to construct the new roundabout. During this phase of the works 4-way lights will be in operation (dates and times to be confirmed) to allow us to move machinery along the length of the project with minimal impact on the local traffic network.



ELOR Drone View of the New A64 Roundabout Junction 4 – July 2020

Phase 3 – ELOR Main Works

What's happening in your area:

Leeds (Barwick Road) Roundabout Junction 5 Between Scholes Village and Smeaton Approach

- Site set up is continuing and a new boundary fence line has been established alongside the existing Leeds Road.
- Archaeology will continue in this area.
- Yorkshire Water to continue to install new water mains.

Leeds (Barwick Road) Roundabout Junction 5 Between Scholes Village and Smeaton Approach – 4 Week Look Ahead

Works will start on this junction in early August to start to construct the new roundabout.

During this phase of the works 4-way traffic lights will be in operation from Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm to allow us to move machinery along the length of the project with minimal impact on the local traffic network.



ELOR Drone View of the New Leeds (Barwick Road) Roundabout Junction 5 – July 2020

Phase 3 – ELOR Main Works

What's happening in your area:

Manston Lane Tie – In Junction 6

- Archaeology to continue in this area.
- The focus of the archaeological work in this area has been to understand the transport network used by the Barnbow Munitions Factory.



ELOR Drone View of Manston Lane Tie – In Junction 6 – July 2020

*Updated traffic management news is available at www.elor.uk

*Please note – work programmes may be subject to change.

Employee Spotlight

Every newsletter will include some details about one of our team members. This month it's **Niall Kirby's** turn.



*"My name is **Niall Kirby**, and I have been working as a Site Engineer for Balfour Beatty for just under 6 years.*

During that time, I have been studying for a Higher National Certificate and Higher National Diploma at Leeds College of Building.

My day to day job involves setting out and surveying, earthworks and bulk digs, drainage including manholes and pipe runs, ducting including traffic signals and street lighting, kerbing and surfacing.

I have been working on the ELOR project from the start of phase 1 in August 2018. It has been great to see the progress of the area from completing phase 1 to getting started on the new orbital route. I live in York but come to Leeds regularly, so it's nice to see the development of a local area."

Social Value

During this time, social value activities have been reduced due to Government restrictions for COVID19.

At present we are working on a programme which will involve on and off site-based events, activities and opportunities. The programme looks to target the following:

- Working with our Stakeholders to ensure we maximise engagement opportunities.
- Working within the local communities to add value.
- Skills, opportunities and employment for the people of Leeds.
- Working with our chosen local schools to support skills, career and training events.
- Collaborative working with our Sub-Contractors to offer the most up to date and advanced training technology.
- Continued working with St Gemma's Hospice to raise funds for much needed treatment and resources.
- Collaborative working with the Prince's Trust to support individual Teams and Students.
- On site wellbeing activities for staff.

