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Bure Valley Path Public Information Notice **Resurfacing Works**

Norfolk County Council are working strategically with Broadland District Council to deliver a series of initiatives and improvements along the Bure Valley Path throughout autumn and winter 2021-2022. Funded through the Interreg France (Channel) England Programme EXPERIENCE project, sections of the route will be resurfaced, and a number of green infrastructure and access improvements will be made, aimed at enhancing the sustainable tourism of the area.

EXPERIENCE is a €23.3 million project co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (€16 million) through the Interreg France (Channel) England Programme. It is led by Norfolk County Council and runs from September 2019 to June 2023. It aims to deliver innovative and sustainable growth via a new tourism strategy.

We will be undertaking work from 13 December 2021 and aim to be completed at the end of March 2022, weather permitting. The new surface will be a Type 1 stone sub-base with a top layer of Breedon (self-binding) gravel (not sealed like tarmac). On completion of the work, visitors will find a more accessible route for all seasons, engaging railway heritage features and new planting schemes to enjoy.

The work will be done in stages to help minimise disruption. The work will start at Coltishall station and then take place at different locations along the route. New on-site notices will be put up at each location once dates have been confirmed in advance of any construction works starting. The six sections to be resurfaced and to receive infrastructure improvements are:

- 1) Coltishall station – [starting from 13 December 2021 for 5 weeks]
- 2) Aylsham station to A140 crossing
- 3) Burgh Road crossing
- 4) Buxton station
- 5) Belaugh Road crossing
- 6) Wroxham station

We aim to minimise disruption on the route and will close routes for the minimum amount of time needed to undertake work. We will keep updates on the planned closure dates online at <https://www.tourismexperience.org/regions/norfolk/bure-valley-path>. The station car park at Coltishall and the Bure Valley Path between Frogge Lane to The Street will be closed for the duration of the works. Due to a lack of suitable, safe alternatives, unfortunately no diversion route will be put into place.

Work will include:

- Widening, levelling and re-surfacing approximately a third of the nine-mile route
- Installing heritage features, such as mile markers and railway gates

- Landscaping at stations, adding in disabled-friendly picnic benches, new station signs and trees/planting
- Ecology improvements along route including wildflowers and nature boxes
- Replacing and changing a number of gates, crossings, fences and entry and exit points to the route to improve accessibility

The County Council thanks people for their patience while this work is carried out.

The work which will cost £587,789 will be carried out by Norfolk County Council's Community and Environmental Services Department and their contractors.

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