

## A45 Chowns Mill Roundabout Improvement Scheme Bulletin 4 - March 2020

Welcome to the A45 Chowns Mill bulletin, which provides details on upcoming traffic management arrangements and progress to date.

Our latest planned overnight road closures are detailed below:

Date	Closure	Times
Monday 30 March	A45 between Chowns Mill and Stanwick (east arm) closed in both directions (eastbound & westbound).	8pm to 6am
Tuesday 31 March	A45 between Chowns Mill and Stanwick (east arm) closed in both directions (eastbound & westbound).	8pm to 6am
Wednesday 1 April	A45 between Chowns Mill and Stanwick (east arm) closed in both directions (eastbound & westbound).	8pm to 6am
Thursday 2 April	A45 between Chowns Mill and Rushden Lakes (west arm) closed in both directions (eastbound & westbound).	8pm to 6am
Friday 3 April	A45 between Chowns Mill and Rushden Lakes (west arm) closed in both directions (eastbound & westbound).  A6 between Kimbolton Road Rbt (Rushden) and Nene Park (Irthlingborough) NORTHBOUND carriageway closure.  <i>A6 Southbound and A45 Stanwick to Chowns Mill are open.</i>	8pm to 7am
Saturday 4 April	A45 between Chowns Mill and Rushden Lakes (west arm) closed in both directions (eastbound & westbound).  A6 between Kimbolton Road Rbt (Rushden) and Nene Park (Irthlingborough) NORTHBOUND carriageway closure.  <i>A6 Southbound and A45 Stanwick to Chowns Mill are open.</i>	8pm to 8am
Sunday 5 April	A45 between Chowns Mill and Rushden Lakes (west arm) closed in both directions (eastbound & westbound).  A6 between Kimbolton Road Rbt (Rushden) and Nene Park (Irthlingborough) NORTHBOUND carriageway closure.  <i>A6 Southbound and A45 Stanwick to Chowns Mill are open.</i>	8pm to 6am

There are no more planned full weekend road closures for the foreseeable future.

To receive text alerts about future A45 Chowns Mill road closures, please text **A45CM** to **07537 439499**. Messages will be charged at your standard network text message rate. To unsubscribe, please text A45CM STOP to the same number.

**NOTE:** Our planned closures may be subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. Where possible, we will notify you if there are any changes to the schedule.

To complete our work safely, we'll need to continue the current traffic management:

- Narrow Lanes in place on the roundabout and all approaches.
- 50mph speed limit in place reducing down to 40mph.
- All footways across the junction remain closed – please use the free 24/7 shuttle bus in place.

## **A45 Chowns Mill progress report**

We have successfully installed the ducts under both carriageways of the A45 between Chowns Mill and Rushden Lakes. We completed this work ahead of schedule and were able to open the carriageways earlier than previously planned:



*Photo shows the A45 closed, where 6m wide trenches were dug to a depth of 1.5m to lay utility ducts across both lanes*

## **Speed Limits - Police Enforcement**

Safety is our top priority and the speed limits we've put in place are to protect road users and our workers on site. There have been incidents of speeding and racing on the A45 & A6. We're working closely with Northamptonshire Police while they consider extending their enforcement measures.

## Sharing road closure space

We liaise with other stakeholders providing them with the opportunity to carry out their maintenance activities during our closures to minimise future disruption to road users. While the A45 was closed for the weekend, our colleagues from East Northants Council were able to safely collect over 2 tonnes of rubbish from the verges and central reserve!



## Community Events

We plan to attend the following Community events (pending Covid-19 developments / advice):

Stanwick Showcase

Stanwick Village Hall  
Thursday 16 April 2020  
7-9pm.

Raunds Annual Town Assembly

Saxon Hall, Raunds  
Thursday 30 April 2020  
6-8pm

Please feel free to visit us at these events if you wish to ask us any questions about the work.

## What's next

We will continue to work at night for the next two months to remove the A45 / A6 dual carriageway vehicles restraint barriers (safety barriers) and splitter islands. We will also continue to reduce the size of the central island.



This work is necessary to create additional temporary road space, allowing us to install traffic management (narrow lane running), so we can safely work during the day for the majority of the scheme. This will result in a significant reduction in noise, vibration and light pollution at night.



*We're turning the red areas into temporary road space, which will allow us to install narrow lane running and work safely during the day for the majority of the programme*

## Keeping Informed

For information about the scheme, please visit our webpage:

[www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a45a6-chowns-mill-roundabout-improvement/](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a45a6-chowns-mill-roundabout-improvement/)

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