



Isle of Man Government

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Laxey Flood Alleviation, August 2023 Newsletter. Please accept our apologies for the delay in updating all Laxey residents and businesses. Steady progress has continued inside the Laxey catchment areas since our last communication in January of this year.

Glen Road

Phase 6: This refers to the area between the tennis courts and the Laxey Bridge. Designs have been created, and conversations with property owners have taken place. The department hopes to file a planning application with the intention of beginning construction in June of next year.

Phase 3: Work on the river wall from Swales Bridge upstream to the rear of Victoria Terrace is well advanced. Many of the rear walls of properties facing onto the river met the requisite height for the 1/100-year flood risk event. In these cases, the Department has repaired and cleaned the vegetation from the walls. Some properties that required more substantial maintenance are now being worked on, and we are expecting to complete as much as possible during the June to October time frame that we have to work on the river.

Old Police Station: You will observe where a landside occurred during the construction of the catchment pit and the immense work to reconstruct the culvert itself further up the hill. This required us to alter a piece of the construction design and place rock armour higher up the bank than was initially planned. This also increased the time required to complete the work. The majority of the construction is now finished, with only the catchment cover and safety bars remaining.

Mines Road

With the installation of a new, larger underground culvert extending from the rail lines at the Miners Memorial across the road and into the river. The pipe is now ready to be connected to the second phase of the project, which will take water from the rail tracks and the Tram sheds. This construction is scheduled to begin in September 2023.

Cooil Roi

Our design team sought suggestions from both local residents and Manx utilities regarding the nature of some of the subsurface waterways that ultimately led to the riverbank and road collapse. Work is underway to restore the road and rebuild the riverbank to a more robust and protective state.

Baldhoon Road and Laxey Glen

This significant piece of work has almost been completed, incurring disruption to a large portion of hillside leading through private gardens and land. We would like to thank all the residents for their cooperation and for providing us with access to their land, allowing our contractor to work as swiftly as possible. The surface water drain across Baldhoon Road is now complete, providing significant flood protection to people who live on the hill. More surface water capture work is planned along Baldhoon Road in the future. Thank you again to everyone for their patience and to those who were inconvenienced by the road closures.

Laxey Sea and Harbour Wall

Following a well-attended drop-in session organised by Garff Commissioners at the sailing club Tent road, plans and design ideas were presented to the public for opinion and debate. The department has made several suggestions and presented solutions to protect buildings and homes adjacent to the harbour and promenade. We would encourage residents to speak with the commissioners in order for us to take direction as to what solution is favourable and supported by Laxey residents.

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