

May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

**Notification – Improvement of Cycle Track
 Blackwater Hollow and Birchmore Lane, Newport**

We are writing to inform you of forthcoming cycle track improvement work that is due to take place shortly.

The work, which is estimated to last five weeks, is designed to address the frequent flooding of a section of the Newport to Sandown cycle track between Blackwater Hollow and Birchmore Lane.

This improvement will involve the raising and resurfacing of 120 metres of the track where flooding is most frequent (area highlighted in blue on the plan below) and also the resurfacing of a further 540 metres (area highlighted in red on the plan below) to improve the quality of the surface.

The work is being done at this time of year because the area we are improving needs to be dry. To minimise inconvenience, we have sought to use the window outside of both school/public holidays and events such as Walk the Wight when the path is particularly busy, and the main summer holiday season.

During work, it will be necessary to close a section of the track between Blackwater Hollow and Birchmore Lane but a short diversion, which will be signed, will enable pedestrians and cyclists to continue to travel between Blackwater and Merstone (and beyond).

We apologise for any inconvenience this project may cause but, as users of this track will know, the work to reduce the occurrences of flooding and to improve the surface will be of great benefit to the Island’s walking/cycling infrastructure.

Please note that the start and finish times of the project may be subject to change due to issues such as inclement weather. This is particularly so as this location is prone to flooding.

Key information about this work:

Location of works:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycle Track from a point approx. 100 metres south of Blackwater Hollow to Birchmore Lane
Estimated date of works:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting Week Commencing 10th June 24 to 12 July 24
Estimated duration of works:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approx. five weeks (Monday to Friday)
Time of works:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 07:30 - 17:00
Safety measures during works:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycle Track Closure between Blackwater Hollow and Birchmore Lane / At all times There will be no through access for cyclists, pedestrians and equestrians.



Location Map



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Thank you

We would like to thank you in advance for your assistance in enabling us to complete these works.

Regards

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