

## **Holmsley Rail Bridge Inspection – essential road closure**

Hampshire County Council will be carrying out its regular essential inspection of Holmsley Rail Bridge near Burley on Wednesday 25 November 2020 as part of the bridge's ongoing maintenance programme.

As a safety measure, Station Road (which runs underneath the bridge) will be temporarily closed for the inspection's duration, which will take place during off-peak hours. A signposted diversion route will in place. As for previous inspections, the inspection will be carried out using a mobile hoist, enabling the inspector to gain close-up access to the underside of the bridge.

Councillor Rob Humby, Hampshire County Council's Executive Member for Environment and Transport, said: "It is still our aim to begin work on replacing the bridge in the next financial year, and until then inspections need to be carried out regularly to monitor the existing bridge's condition. As with all on-site work, the engineers undertaking the work will take appropriate coronavirus precautions and will adhere to government guidelines on social distancing while they are on site.

"We remind drivers to follow the diversion route and avoid cutting across minor roads, such as Holmsley Passage, because any increase in two-way traffic on these minor roads will lead to damage to the verges which are part of the protected environment of New Forest National Park."

The Tea Rooms will remain open, and there will be signs on the diversion route advising of this. The footpath and bridleway under the bridge will also be closed during these times.

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