

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) Landscape Improvement Scheme

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) will be carrying out a landscape improvement scheme in the Burley area over the next year. This work is part of a £15m investment programme by SSEN to underground 90km of overhead distribution lines in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, National Parks and National Scenic Areas in the north of Scotland and central southern England.

It is recognised that whilst overhead lines and wooden poles offer a secure and cost-effective way of safely distributing electricity to consumers, for many residents and users of the countryside they have a detrimental impact on the natural environment in officially designated beauty spots.

The New Forest surrounding Burley was nominated and selected as an area where the landscape view could be dramatically improved by undergrounding the overhead lines and the initial work to put in a new underground circuit will begin this month. This should be completed by mid-December, but the highway elements of the scheme will then be paused until the Holmsley Bridge works are completed next year. The final dismantling of the overhead conductors and poles will then happen in Autumn 2022 in the period that Natural England have permitted SSEN to access to the Forest.

The outline programme of works is summarised below:-

Date	Location	Remarks
11 Oct – 20 Oct 21	Set up	Establish Compound at back of Cricket Club Car Park/Deliver equipment and material/Mark route etc.
11 Oct – 15 Oct 21	Road Crossing Smugglers Road	Open Excavation – Burley to Crow Road – traffic control measures in place.
18 Oct – 19 Oct 21	Chapel Lane	Open Excavation Road Crossing – traffic control measures in place (two-way lights).
20 Oct – 24 Oct 21	Church Lane	Open excavation – road closed. Weekend working.
25 Oct – 27 Oct 21	Track Church Lane to School Lane.	Open Excavation – during Half Term
28 Oct – 29 Oct 21	Pound Lane near Burbush Car Park	Road Crossing - traffic control measures in place (two-way lights). 100m North of Car Park.
01 Nov – 03 Nov 21	Field across Deer Park	Open Excavation – belongs to Mr Tanner.
04 Nov – 08 Nov 21	Private Rd leading to Burley Manor Hotel.	Open Excavation – traffic control measures in place (two-way lights)
09 Nov – 10 Nov 21	Burley Cricket Ground.	Open Excavation - Verge between Cricket Ground and Wilverley Road.
11 Nov – 12 Nov 21	Cott Lane Crossing	Open Excavation – entrance to Golf Club -- traffic control measures in place (two-way lights)
15 Nov – 16 Nov 21	Wilverley Road Crossing.	TBC. 150m West of Wilverley Road/Holmsley Passage junction. Includes culvert crossing.
17 Nov – 19 Nov 21	Holmsley Passage Road Crossing.	TBC. Adjacent to road junction.
22 Nov – 23 Nov 21	Holmsley Passage	Mole plough in verge

24 Nov – 26 Nov 21	Station Road	Mole Plough in verge
29 Nov – 03 Dec 21	Wilverley Road	Mole Plough in verge – Cott Lane past to Cricket Club Car Park.
06 Dec – 10 Dec 21	Forest Section to West of Burley.	Mole plough along Forest track from Smugglers Road to Pound Lane (Pole 81-112)
06 Dec – 13 Dec 21	Across all areas.	Jointing and finishing off
13 Dec – 15 Dec 21	Demobilise Equipment	Clear site and close compound.
02 May – 24 Jun 22	Pound Lane Highway Works	Dates TBC – requested Burbush Car Park for use as compound.
Sep – Nov 22	Dismantling overhead	Across area all redundant overhead. Dates TBC but to be within Natural England agreed licence period.

Once completed, the scheme will have resulted in over 6km of overhead High Voltage infrastructure being replaced by underground cables in Burley and the surrounding area.

Further details on the scheme can be found on the Burley Parish Council website:- www.burleyparishcouncil.gov.uk or through contacting Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks and quoting SSEN Project Reference BURLEY HINC E3L5 AONB41601