

The Environment Agency is working in partnership with Calderdale Council, ARUP and BAM Nuttall to deliver the Brighouse Flood Alleviation Scheme. This update provides you with information about our progress on the scheme.

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The Scheme

The flood alleviation scheme for Brighouse includes upstream storage in Wellholme Park and Whinney Hill Park, as well as repair and replacement of defences along the River Calder and Clifton Beck.

Progress Update – Wellholme Park

Since March 2024 the BAM site team have been preparing Wellholme Park to ensure construction of the Brighouse FAS can be completed safely whilst protecting existing structures and environmental assets in the park.

A fence has been erected around the entire work area and a temporary access road constructed off Bradford Rd and across the park, which includes the installation of a temporary bridge across Clifton Beck. Protection measures have been put in place to minimise the environmental impact to the existing ground, trees and watercourse.



Installation of temporary bridge



Construction of temporary access road

An Archaeological dig has taken place, revealing historic drainage and demolished mill races that would have supplied water from Clifton Beck to neighbouring mills on Oakhill Road.

We have also commenced the construction of two new weirs. These weirs will allow excess water during a flood event to be carried into the flood storage area within Wellhome Park and slow down its approach to the River Calder and Brighouse Town Centre.



Archaeological Dig



Weir Construction

Contact us! If you have any concerns or questions email us at – BrighouseFAS@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Brighouse Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS)

Additional to the work in Wellholme Park, surveys have taken place within Clifton Beck at various locations around Brighouse, to prepare for the repair works required.

Whinney Hill Park

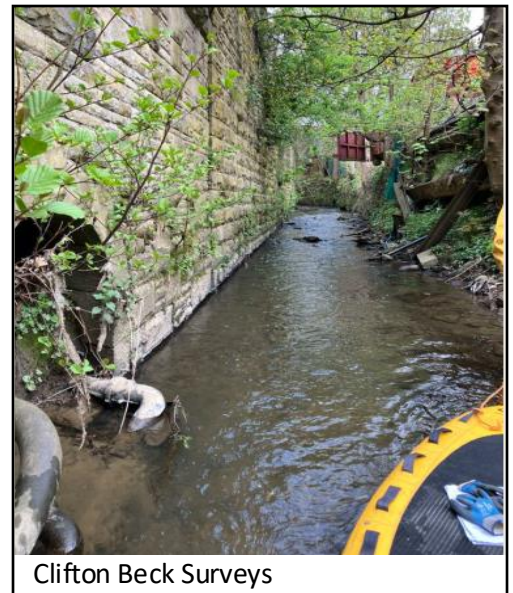
The main construction works in Whinney Hill Park are due to commence in September 2024. We are currently carrying out preparation work to the access point off Bradford Rd, which will protect underground services from increased vehicle movements during the main works.

Working in the Community

The Brighouse FAS project team have been working with local primary schools to teach children about the scheme. We ran workshops at Trinity Academy St Chad's as part of their celebration for the opening of their new science lab and welcomed St Andrew's Junior School to visit site to learn about the work taking place.

You may have noticed some colourful artwork on the site fence in Wellholme Park. This has been created by local community groups and schools – a huge thank you to everyone that has taken part:

Focus4Hope, Friends of Wellholme Park, St Andrew's Junior School, Trinity Academy St Chad's, Lightcliffe Academy, Wellholme Park Family Hub, BAM children.



Clifton Beck Surveys



Trinity Academy St Chad's



St Andrew's Junior School

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