

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 our last update, construction work in Wellholme Park has made great progress. The new foot/cycleway has been constructed and all three new footbridges have been installed across the flood storage areas.



A new footbridge leading onto the foot/cycle way



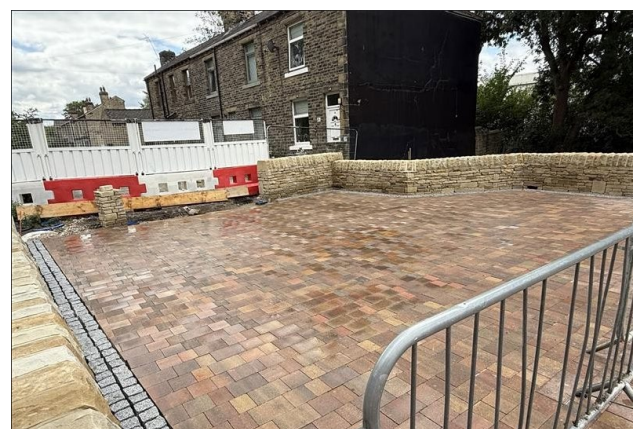
Clifton Beck Channel realignment

Work to improve some of the natural banks and by-pass the weir with a realigned channel for fish passage in Clifton Beck has been completed. This involved removing sections of the old stone wall, creating a sloped embankment in sections of the park and realignment of the beck to the eastern end of the park (indicated by the blue dashed line on the photo). The original beck channel has been partially filled in to create a backwater (where water moves slowly), although during a flood event, excess water will be able to flow along the original beck channel.

The old footbridge has been removed to allow for the channel realignment and a new footbridge has been installed across the beck from the play area.

A newly paved entry way is under construction at the Oak Hill Road entrance to the park.

Remaining works in Wellholme Park include completion of the earthworks, construction and surfacing of the remaining footpaths, landscaping of the park and removal of the temporary access routes. This is expected to be completed early in 2026, following which the park will remain closed to the public for a number of months to allow the new plants and grass to establish.



Paved entry way – Oak Hill Road entrance

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## Progress Update – Whinney Hill Park

Work has been underway to form the new swales and weirs that will allow excess water in Hoyle House Beck to flow through the park during a flood event. Three of the four embankments have been constructed which will slow the flow by holding excess water in the flood storage areas and slowing flow through the culverts in the embankments.

A new footbridge has also been installed across the flood storage area.

## Working in the Community

We have hosted a number of site visits for local students at Wellholme Park. Students have been able to see the work and learn about the benefits of the project to their local community.

Members of the team also supported Brighthouse High School Sixth Form with a Mock Interview workshop – allowing students to meet employers and practice their interview skills ahead of university or apprenticeship applications.

BAM staff have been volunteering at Happy Days, a local homeless charity based in Halifax, by providing basic IT skills sessions for volunteers. We're pleased to share that a volunteer has recently been offered a paid position as a result of their hard work and determination to learn and improve their IT skills.

BAM also supported Focus4Hope, with operatives assisting with the setup of Brighthouse Gala.



A flood embankment with culvert passing through



New footbridge

## Track the scheme progress from the air!

Drone footage is now available to view the scheme progress. Visit the Eye on Calderdale ['You Tube'](#) page to view the latest footage.



## Feedback

We'd love to hear your feedback about the project so far. Scan this QR code to provide your views!!

Brighthouse Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS)



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