

The Environment Agency is working in partnership with Calderdale Council, ARUP and BAM 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

Most of the major construction work in Wellholme Park is now complete although there is still work to finish before the park can fully reopen to the public. The temporary bridge which allowed construction vehicles to enter the park from Bradford Road has now been removed, and the bulk earthworks to create the embankments in this area is now completed. Construction of a new footpath through the centre of the park is well underway, ready for a tarmac surface to be applied. A new fence has also been installed at the Oakhill Rd entrance.

The site hoarding has been removed and replaced with a temporary fence. This is to allow access for removal of the site compound and access route from Bradford Road and to reinstate the landscaping in this area. The artwork that had been painted on the hoarding by local community groups and school students in Summer 2024 has been delivered to the schools for them to display.



Temporary Bridge being removed



New central footpath under construction



Over the next few months, we will be removing temporary access routes and site compounds to make way for landscaping work such as tree planting and seeding.

We are aiming to reopen the park in the summer and will keep you updated as we move closer to confirming a completion date. The timeline will depend on weather conditions and how well the new landscaping establishes.



Oakhill Road Entrance

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Progress Update – Whinney Hill Park

Following the completion of the embankments, the recent focus of work in Whinney Hill Park has been on the construction of a flow control structure at the top of the park. The flow control structure will aid in directing water from Hoyle House Beck into the flood storage area during high water levels. RIPRAP – which is stone placed to protect the bank from erosion has been installed along the bank of Hoyle House Beck. New pedestrian footpaths are under construction throughout the park.



Flow control structure, with RIPRAP visible to the left side – Whinney Hill Park



Whinney Hill Park

Volunteering in the Community

Throughout Winter 2025, the Hebble Brook and Brighouse FAS teams, utilised their corporate volunteering days to help three organisations who support Calderdale residents in need, totalling 115 hours. Calderdale VAC - preparing winter care packages; Elland & District Foodbank – helping to organise and pack food donations; Focus4Hope - preparing food hampers for local families as well as donations to their Christmas Project.



Feedback

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

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