

# A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool

August 2021

Welcome to the latest edition of the A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool project newsletter, keeping you up to date with the latest progress and information. Since our last update, our construction work continues at Skippool junction, Lodge Lane and Skippool Bridge junction near Old Mains Lane



*Water main works at Skippool Road roundabout*

## Skippool Road Closure

As we head towards the autumn, you may notice construction activities increasing in the area. One of these activities includes diverting a large water main supply on Skippool Road, at its junction with Skippool roundabout. **We plan to start this phase of work from Monday 13 September for six weeks.**

The water main was constructed around 50 years ago and provides the main water supply to Fleetwood, Thornton and Cleveleys. We need to divert the water main away from the proposed new bypass. This will ensure any future maintenance to the water main can take place safely, without disrupting motorists.

To make sure we carry out the work without it affecting the water supply in the area, we will install a specialised valve to the water main.

We looked at many potential options on how we can divert the water main safely, while also minimising disruption to the local community and road users. We believe the best option is to close Skippool Road at its junction with Skippool roundabout. It's the quickest, most practical and safest option. With the excavation being 2m deep, 5m wide and 7m long, there isn't enough room for motorists to pass the work area safely.

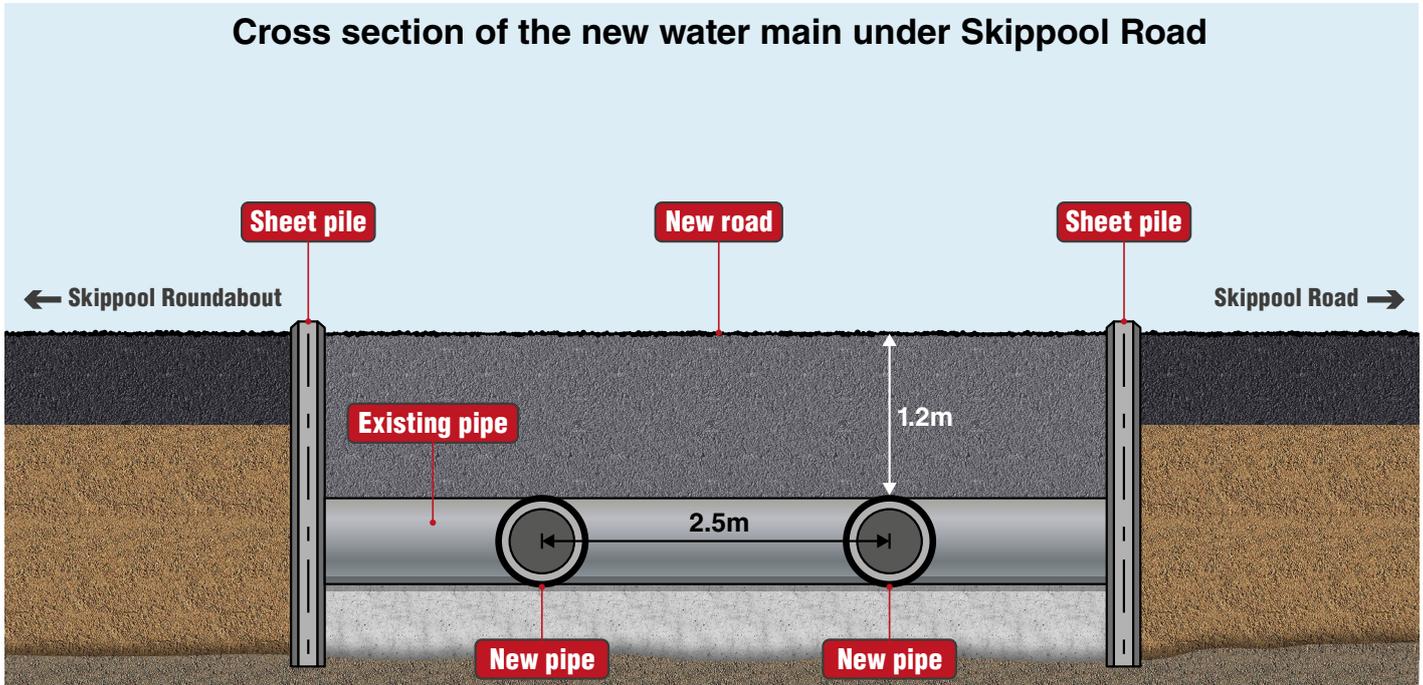
We've also been working in the community litter picking and welcomed **Robocut**, a new pioneering piece of equipment to site. More information on this is provided within this leaflet.



The closure will be in place from **7am on Monday 13 September**, and we aim to reopen the road by **7am on Monday 25 October 2021**.

Motorists wanting to access the area of Thornton will be diverted along A585 Amounderness Way and the B5412 (Victoria Road East).

We expect there to be some delays and we strongly advise you to avoid this part of the network as much as possible. The diversion route will be clearly signposted (see map on centre spread). **Please allow additional time and check your journey before travel.**



## Garstang Road East

We have laid the base layer for the new road between Garstang Road East and Mains Lane. This will form one of the main sections of the new bypass. We have also started to build a temporary drainage system to hold rainwater while building the new road.

## Skippool Bridge junction

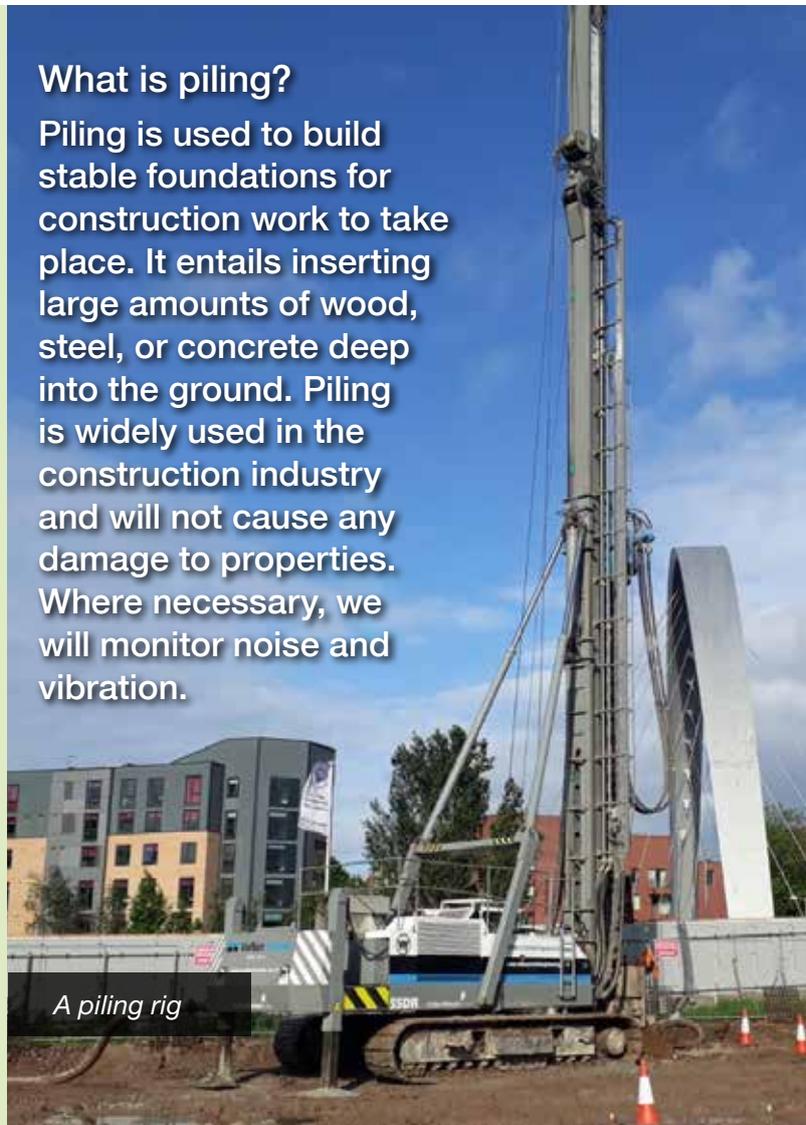
We're installing specialist mats to support a piling rig, in preparation for sheet piling work in September. This is to build support walls and widen the bridge over Main Dyke.

## Lodge Lane

We're currently diverting utility cables and pipes and we'll begin piling in the autumn. This is to build support walls for a new access road and bridge at this location.

### What is piling?

Piling is used to build stable foundations for construction work to take place. It entails inserting large amounts of wood, steel, or concrete deep into the ground. Piling is widely used in the construction industry and will not cause any damage to properties. Where necessary, we will monitor noise and vibration.



## Highways England summer tyre checks campaign

Did you know that only one in six drivers remember to check their tyre pressure before setting off on a long journey? Yet one in five motorway breakdowns are caused by worn or incorrectly inflated tyres and nearly a third of drivers confessed that they're not confident checking tyre pressure.

Roads are set to be busy as people head off on day trips and holidays in the UK and abroad (depending on travel restrictions). In addition, reduced vehicle use following months of lockdown and working from home, means essential pre-travel checks have never been more important.

Our advice is simple; check your tyre pressure and the condition of your tyres, including the spare, before you set off on a long journey. Look out for cuts or wear and make sure the tyres have a minimum tread depth of 1.6mm, which is the legal limit.

For more information about how to check your tyres, please visit our website: [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/road-safety/tyre-checks](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/road-safety/tyre-checks)



## Get to know the team



This month we'd like to introduce our new environmental advisor, Daphning Pierre. Daphning has been with us for nearly two months and we're proud to welcome her to the project.

### What is your background?

*My previous experience includes working as a safety and environmental engineer and sustainability manager, where I pioneered an environmental management system and a plastic recycling strategy. I recently worked as a consultant as a carbon accounting and reporting intern. I have also worked as a transport strategy and policy intern for a local authority.*

### What do you do on this project?

*As an Environmental Advisor on the project, I am monitoring, auditing and reporting the environmental performance, including leading the sustainability group – One Planet Action Plan. I am also responsible for A585 carbon and sustainability reporting.*

### What excites you about your new role?

*I am very excited about the role for it represents an outstanding opportunity to improve the project's carbon footprint and support the UK 2050 decarbonisation strategy.*

### What do you like to do in your spare time?

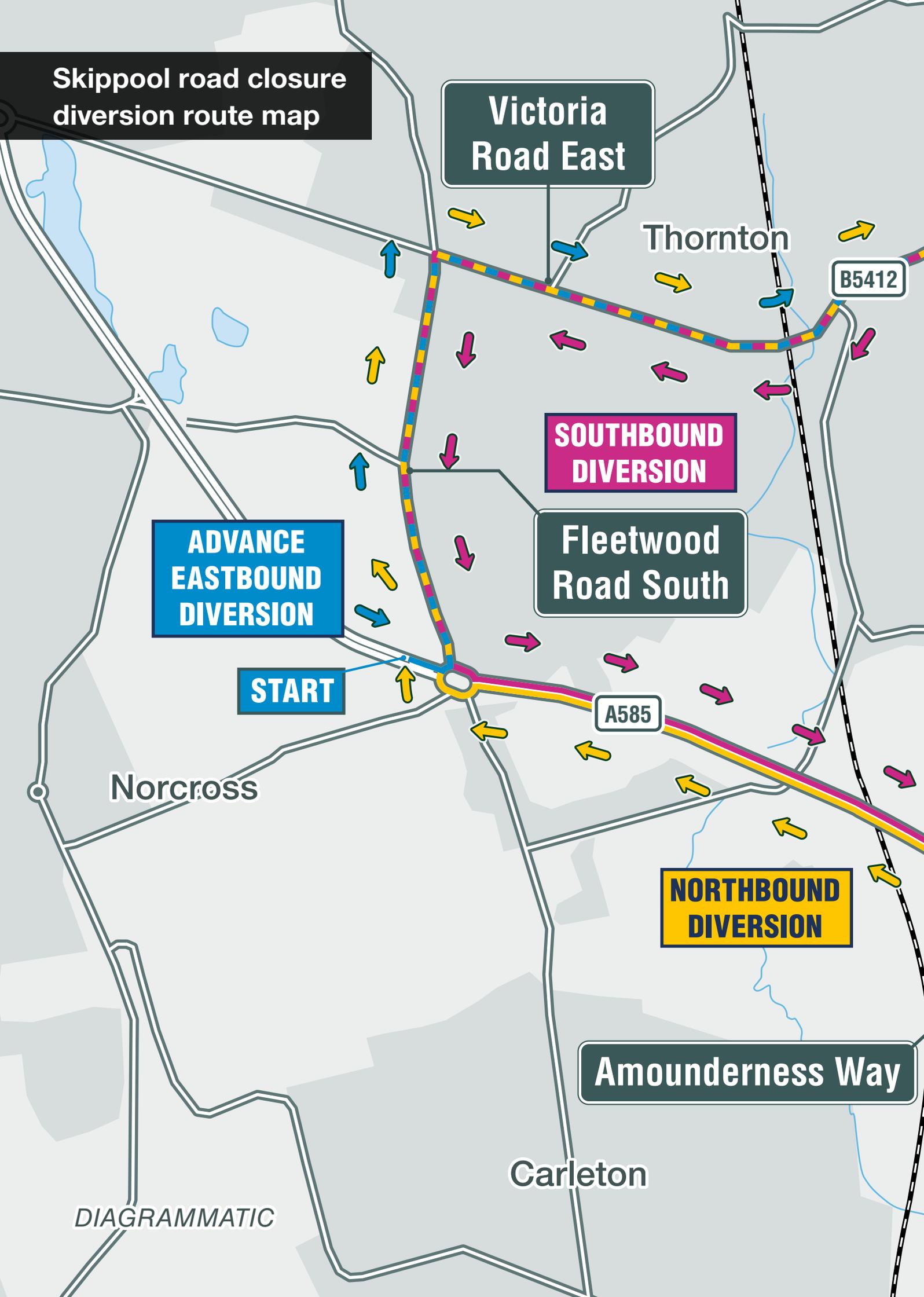
*I enjoy karaoke, reading and debating.*

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**Skipspool road closure  
diversion route map**



**Victoria  
Road East**

Thornton

B5412

**SOUTHBOUND  
DIVERSION**

**ADVANCE  
EASTBOUND  
DIVERSION**

**Fleetwood  
Road South**

**START**

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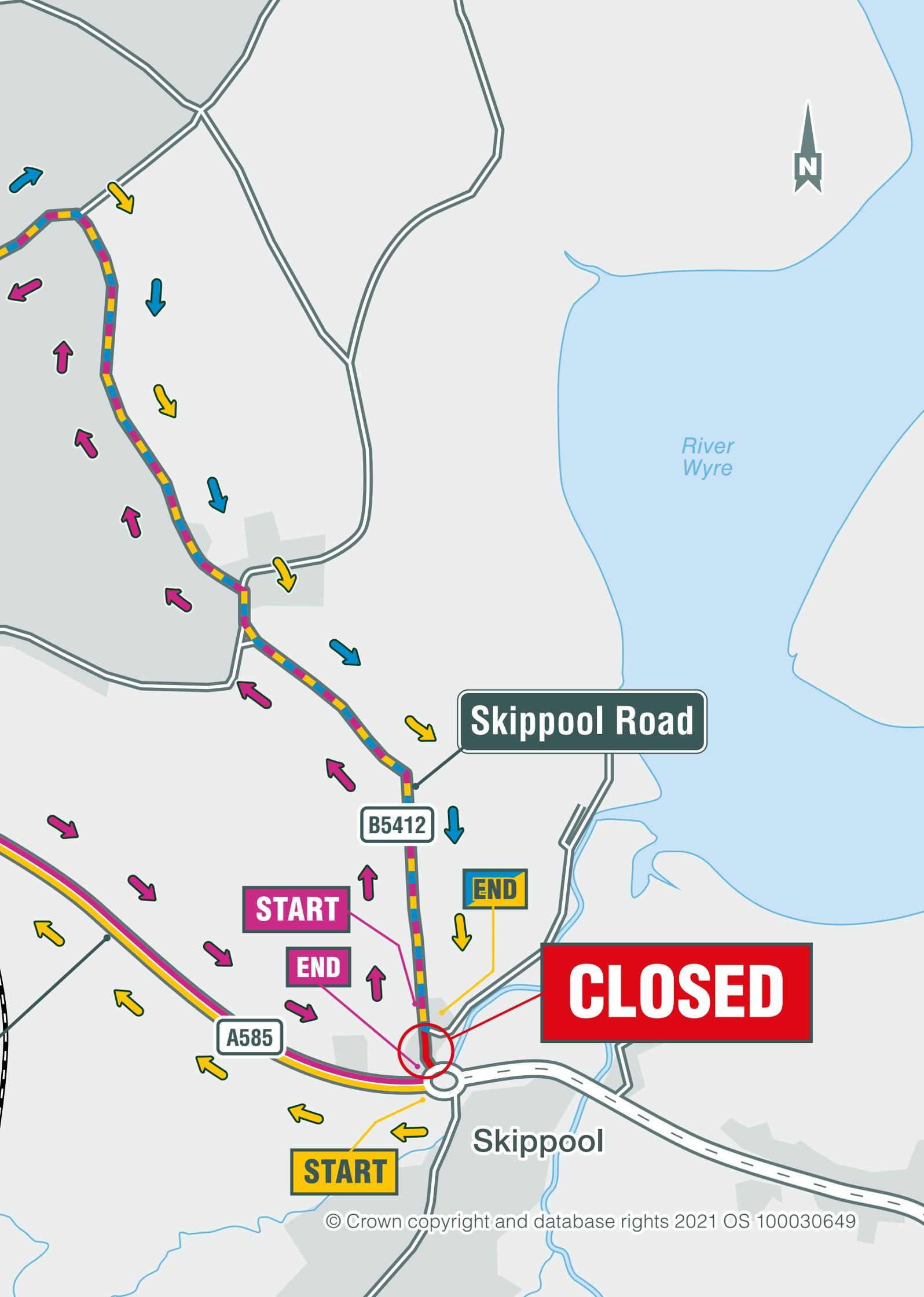
Norcross

**NORTHBOUND  
DIVERSION**

**Amounderness Way**

Carleton

DIAGRAMMATIC



River Wyre

Skippool Road

B5412

START

END

END

**CLOSED**

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Skippool

## Environment Depots in Bloom

In May, we launched our Depots in Bloom competition. The competition has helped to increase the biodiversity of our workspaces, improve wellbeing and encourage integrated teams.

The competition, between our Skippool and Garstang Road East compounds, will be judged in early September by our senior leadership team, with one winner and one runner up receiving a prize.



## Work in the community The Great British Spring Clean

We took part in the Great British Spring Clean, volunteering over 30 hours of time to pick litter and tidy the area.

In total we collected twenty large sacks of rubbish, including items such as glasses, clothing, face masks, vehicle parts and lots of cigarette ends.

Highways England's Project Manager, Daniel Moore said: *"It was a great opportunity for the team to get some fresh air and exercise, whilst doing something really positive for the community and environment. Between us all, we walked nearly eight miles. Well done to everyone who took part"*.

## Site visit from Fylde MP

We had a special visitor recently. Mark Menzies MP for Fylde visited the site, and was given a tour by the project team who updated him on the scheme. He heard how engineers are currently focusing on new road layouts at Skippool and Skippool Bridge junctions as well as a start on the 'off-line' work south of Little Singleton to construct the bypass.

Mr Menzies said: *"I was pleased to see the considerable progress being made following extensive archaeological works. This road will help improve access to the M55, remove a major bottleneck and help create new jobs and housing. I was also pleased*

*to hear about the works which will take place to detrunk the original road afterwards, making it a safer and slower road for residents.*

*In 2023, we will see this scheme completed, the Preston West Distributor Road open to the east of the constituency, and the completion of the M55 link road between the M55 and St Annes. All of these projects will provide a huge economic boost to Fylde and I am glad to see them progressing so well."*



## Introducing Robocut

Introducing our latest member of the project - Robocut. This brilliant machine operates on an all-terrain control work platform, improving safety by removing our workforce from steep-sided, dangerous and restricted-access areas.

Designed for tackling tough terrain, Robocut features a low centre of gravity design and durable rubber tracks that makes it an outstanding mowing machine, capable of mastering slopes of up to 55 degrees whilst enhancing operator safety by removing them from the danger zone.

Not only that, Robocut allows us to protect local habitats at the same time. As part of our great crested newt license, there is a requirement for us to cut grass to a minimum height within 250 metres of newt ponds. Robocut has helped us to comply with our license, enabling us to work on wet and uneven peat bogs.



## Information exhibitions

We would like to provide you the latest information about the project and answer any questions you may have. We're holding public information exhibitions, in our engagement van, at:

- **Morrisons Supermarket, Amounderness Way, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 3TS**  
Wednesday 1 September 2pm to 8pm
- **Lidl Supermarket, Clark St, Poulton Industrial Estate, Poulton-Le-Fylde, FY6 8JW**  
Thursday 2 September 10am to 4pm
- **Morrisons Supermarket, Amounderness Way, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 3TS**  
Wednesday 8 September 2pm to 8pm
- **Lidl Supermarket, Clark St, Poulton Industrial Estate, Poulton-Le-Fylde, FY6 8JW**  
Thursday 9 September 10am to 4pm

We look forward to seeing you there.



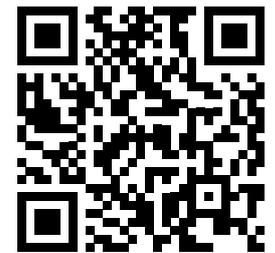
If you need help accessing this or any other Highways England information, please call **0300 123 5000** and we will help you.

View west over Windy Harbour junction.



## How to find out more

To sign up for updates or to find out further information on the project, please visit our website [highwaysengland.co.uk/A585-WH](https://highwaysengland.co.uk/A585-WH). Alternatively, you can follow us on Facebook [Highways England: North-West](#) or on Twitter [@HighwaysNWEST](#)



## Have your say

Do you want to share your thoughts and feedback with the team? Visit our [A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool feedback tool](#) to have your say. The feedback tool includes an interactive map, where you can click on a specific location to make a comment or provide us with your general feedback.

If you have any questions regarding the project, please email our dedicated project inbox at [A585windyharbourtoskipool@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A585windyharbourtoskipool@highwaysengland.co.uk). Or call us on **0300 123 5000** (24-hour Customer Contact Centre).

You can also contact the project Customer Liaison Officer, David Whitelow by email or by phone (Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm). Email: [David.Whitelow@kier.co.uk](mailto:David.Whitelow@kier.co.uk) Phone: **07935 759224**

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