



December 2020 news bulletin

Progress in 2020

Last weekend the M4 Motorway Upgrade Project reached another major milestone with the successful demolition of the old Datchet Road bridge during a full weekend closure between Junctions 5 and 6.

This marks the completion of all major structures work on the M4, with all 12 bridges demolished, rebuilt or widened. Work still remains to connect some of the new bridges into the local road network. You can see a video to celebrate this milestone here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZTbbRTuHetA>

During 2020 we have also focused on upgrading the motorway between junctions 8/9 to 12. The majority of this section is now complete with most work taking place overnight due to the remaining work activities requiring lane closures.

In early 2021 we will be opening the upgraded motorway between junctions 8/9 to 12.



Above: 'A Year of Bridges' a video review of all 12 bridges that have been rebuilt or widened on the project.

11 BRIDGES DEMOLISHED
22,000 TONNES TOTAL WEIGHT
3,580 TONNES OF STEEL BEAMS LIFTED

**11 BRIDGES
IN 11 MONTHS**

The M4 Smart Motorway Project takes part in the KidsOut Giving Tree initiative

This Christmas, the M4 team decided to take part in the KidsOut initiative to donate toys to children arriving into refuge who may otherwise not receive a gift at Christmas. KidsOut is a registered charity which gives disadvantaged children positive experiences to support them in becoming future members of our society. Together the M4 team donated over 130 toys, with all donations estimated at about £3000!



Let's Bring Arthur Home this Christmas!

A M4 Traffic Management Officer recently found a bear near junction 10 on the side of the road. To spread the festive spirit, he decided that he wanted to reunite the bear with its owner. This seemed like a challenging task until Greg James, host of Radio 1 Breakfast show decided to get involved! Arthur the bear's story has now been shared far and wide on social media as Brad and Greg are determined to find the owner before Christmas Day or find a new deserving home for Arthur.



Weekend closures

Below are all the upcoming weekend closures up to Easter 2021, as part of the M4 J3-12 motorway upgrade. Weekend closures are used to complete work that would not be possible otherwise e.g. extensive surfacing, complex work across multiple lanes. Closures keep drivers and our workers safe whilst upgrades take place. These closures are subject to change so always make sure to check before you travel.

Junctions 10-12 8-11 January

Junctions 8/9-10 15-18 January

Junctions 4b-5 22-25 January

Junctions 6-8/9 29 January-1 February

Junctions 6-8/9 5-8 February

Junctions 4-4b 12-15 February

Junctions 5-6 19-22 February

Junctions 5-6 26 February- 1 March

Junctions 5-6 5-8 March

Junctions 6-8/9 12-15 March

Junctions 6-8/9 19-21 March

Junctions 4b-5 26-29 March

Find out more

You can find out more about the project by visiting our website at: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m4j3to12. You can keep up to date with live traffic information by following the regional twitter feeds [@highwaysEAST](https://twitter.com/highwaysEAST) and [@highwaysSEAST](https://twitter.com/highwaysSEAST) or by visiting [Traffic England](https://www.trafficengland.co.uk). If you have a question that you would like a response to please continue to email us at: M4J3to12smartmotorways@highwaysengland.co.uk, call 0300 123 5000 or write to: M4 J3-12 Motorway Upgrade, Highways England, 2 Colmore Square, Birmingham B4 6BN.