

Good afternoon,

**We are delighted to be sending you the first Rewley Road Swing Bridge e-update!**

Since the start of work a little over two weeks ago, we have received a lot of positive feedback about the restoration, which has been wonderful to hear – thank you.

The site is now established, with temporary perimeter fencing, river edge protection, stone access ramp, and welfare provisions. Over the last week, the team have begun removing some of the deck components, for example the running rails, timber sleepers and railway chairs.



On Friday 4 December, the **High Sheriff of Oxfordshire**, Mrs Amanda Ponsonby, swapped her feather hat for a hard hat to visit the Bridge. She met with OPT Director Debbie Dance and the team on site to hear all about the project.



During the next fortnight, the timber hoarding will be installed, along with commencing the removal of defective metalwork, such as the deck plates, edge beams and parapets. The contractors will soon then be stopping for a well-deserved break over Christmas!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank **Historic England**, **Railway Heritage Trust**, **Network Rail** and our other funders, without whom this restoration would not be possible. If you would like to help support this project, please consider **donating** or **joining us**.

We look forward to emailing in the New Year,

***Happy Christmas from the OPT Team***

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