

## Hollands Park Wall Replacement Wall Project Update 3

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Stages 1, 2, 4 & 5 : COMPLETE !



The grass on the bank is growing quickly and holding the new banked section together well.

Although the telegraph pole is technically off the road, it is particularly isolated, so we have asked for it to be repositioned.

Despite the fence being designed to stop people falling down onto the road, the fence has proved more than capable at stopping cars too. The day after it was completed the first car drove into it! I'm pleased to report that the car suffered more damage than the fence.

Many people have commented how nice the car park looks and how much they appreciate the time and effort that has been spent here.

In the car park itself, it has been relatively easy to replace the old gravel (or mud) surface with much more resilient hardcore and scalpings but the central "tarmac" surface which runs through the car park from the main gates needs specialist equipment to plane off the damaged surface layer. This will probably have to wait until we are having one of our other car parks resurfaced. While the entranceway will remain a bit bumpy, it does serve to slow down vehicles entering the car park.

We were particularly pleased to get the full car park available ahead of the Football Club event in August. Despite the weather not co-operating the car park performed perfectly and remained a smooth and practical surface throughout.





To the left of the entrance pillars we have removed the wall and erected a temporary fence.

There are some fabulous shrubs / flowers / bushes in this area, and we will look to replant any of these that need to be moved.

The sweet chestnut tree is now protected from cars parking directly over its main root system and compacting the soil. The mulch will help to protect and improve the soil quality.

We have also cut out the dead branches overhanging the car park and road.

