

Press release: Rugeley Flood Risk Management Scheme well under way

The Environment Agency's Rugeley Flood Risk Management Scheme that began in December is progressing well. Preparations for the construction of the embankment have now started.

To make sure that the public stay safe while the work is being carried out, the Hagley playing fields will remain closed to the public until 2018, once the scheme has been completed.

During a flood, the embankment will hold water from the Rising Brook and help to reduce the risk of flooding for over 114 homes and 159 businesses. Other benefits of the £3.8 million scheme include improving habitat, restoring heritage features and reconnecting footpaths and improving accessibility. It also forms an integral part of Cannock Chase council's plans to regenerate parts of the town centre.

Environment Agency Project Manager Matt Griffin said:

We're working hard to get the scheme completed as soon as possible so we can minimise any disruption and inconvenience. However, keeping people and the community safe during the work remains our priority which means closing the playing fields is essential.

The works are a partnership with Staffordshire County Council, Cannock Chase District Council and Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Local Enterprise Partnership.

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Scotland's Rural College reaches prestigious marketing finals

Scotland's Rural College's (SRUC) entry into the College Development Network (CDN) awards has been shortlisted for the Promotional Literature category.

Kerry Allison joins SAC Consulting's food and drink team

SAC Consulting Food and Drink has welcomed Kerry Allison to the team – bringing with her a decade of experience in the food service and production industries.

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