

Update on Ford Bridge, Jeffreyston

Ford Bridge, constructed in 1805, is situated on a B Class road and has experienced heavy use by vehicles, resulting in frequent bridge strikes. Pembrokeshire County Council has been in discussion with CADW with a view to improving the alignment at the bridge to make it more suitable for modern traffic. Due to its Grade II listed status, only minor changes are allowed to the structure, these being reconstruction of the parapet splay at the C3081 junction to provide a radius of 10 metres.

An application for listed building consent was applied for in September 2018 and granted in March 2020. Works were programmed to commence in May 2020 but were postponed due to the covid pandemic.

It is a condition of the Listed Building Consent granted by CADW that traditional materials such as hydraulic lime mortar are used which can only be used during the summer months.

Repairs to Ford Bridge are programmed to be undertaken this summer. These works will involve the required repairs to the bridge and reconstruction of the parapet splay at the C3081 junction.

The bridge is part of an inspection programme, with its last formal general inspection by an engineer undertaken in September 2020. It also has more frequent superficial inspections on a regular basis to ensure the bridge is safe for use.