



BAKERS MILL UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 2018

The news, the information and the facts about where you live from your Bakers Mill Community Association (BMCA). Email address: news@bakermill.co.uk.

THE RIVER STOUR TRUST VISITOR CENTRE

Work is to begin on the Visitor Centre after the fire and they have asked us to warn you in advance that work will start next week to make the centre safe.

The Trust anticipate that it will take 9 to 12 months to restore the visitor centre. This will be done in 3 phases.

1. Initial demolition of the veranda and overhanging roof, and making the building safe and secure. This work will start next week.
2. Stripping back the exterior and interior of the building to see the extent of the fire damage. This work to follow on from stage 1.
3. Rebuilding. It's anticipated this work will commence in the Spring 2019.

The Trust says that that there will be contractors vehicles back and forth to the site and next week they are likely to need to get a large roll-off skip on site to take away demolition materials.

The Trust has said that they will do 'our utmost to keep any inconvenience to a minimum'. And have told us that "The contractor has been instructed to use such materials to secure the roof as may not cause inconvenience to residents. For example they will not be using tarpaulin to weatherproof the holes in the roof as that may cause noise in high winds.'

If you have any queries or concerns about this then please contact Keith Grinsted, Company Secretary. Email secretary@riverstourtrust.org or phone 07530927815.

THE PATH

We have also been told that work had started on the on the path through to the river walk, as follows:

1. There was a site meeting earlier this week between the River Stour Trust and Babergh to finalise details.
2. The fencing, site compound and material storage area will be established this week.
3. Apparently the culvert bridge will go in first to allow access to the rest of the site. Then the path will be laid in reverse order ie from the Sudbury end. If there is too much rain it will be done from the Bakers Mill end to minimise damage to the ground.

They have estimated that build will take 2 weeks allowing for 4 days rest period so the bridge can 'set' before there is any traffic over it.

The plan is that there will be a re-alignment of the path at the Bakers Mill end where the wooden fence is to bring it further towards the river onto RST land but we are told that there is only about 2 metres to play with because of large trees in that area. The fence will be re-aligned roughly with the tall trees on the bank but on the landward side. The re-alignment will only affect the last 4 sections of the chain link fence when the route will return to the existing tarmac footpath.

As you know, what we are told does not always happen to plan, but we can confirm that someone visited the site near where the path will be earlier this week and told a resident that work was starting next week.

DISRUPTION

So there is going to be a little disruption on the site in October, but undoubtedly it will be worth it in the end.

SOCIAL EVENTS

I understand that the Social Committee is determined to continue with social events and have a Cheese and Wine evening, with a guest speaker, planned at the Mill Tye Gallery on the 16th November. Cost £10 per person. To book contact John Bocking on 07880 724683. As the gallery is not very big, tickets will be limited.

John is also hopeful of finding a new venue for the every popular quiz nights—more to follow on this.