

Important news about the local footpath network

Dear South Marston Residents,

Ward Williams is project managing the infrastructure works for the new Taylor Wimpey and Vistry Homes housing at South Marston. We appreciate construction works can be disruptive to neighbours and we thank you for your patience.

We have important news about temporary restrictions on pedestrian and cycle use of the footpath network south of the existing village.

We have reached a crucial stage in the delivery of the new road that will loop north around Manor Farm and provide access to both the western housing parcels, the expanded Recreation Ground and new Village Hall. Crossings will need to be constructed on both Bridleway 4 (The Leaze) and Morses Lane.

The construction site contains a number of public rights of way (as shown overleaf). Following discussions with Swindon Borough Council and South Marston Parish Council, we have agreed blanket temporary closure of all labelled footpaths within the construction area (blue boundary), with immediate effect. The principal reason for this is public safety whilst Breheny complete the road construction and we hope this will minimise your disruption.

Although the closures will formally be for 6 months, we anticipate reopening them after about 3 to 4 months. Please note that alternative trails in Oxleaze Wood and Nightingale Wood will remain open to enjoy for walking. There is also a path within the Nightingale Lane solar farm.

As works are completed, we shall reopen the paths as quickly as we can and will be available to answer any questions at the next Have Your Say event on 3rd June in the Village Hall.

