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### Name that bridge .... competition

The A47 Guyhirn project team are giving children and young people in the area the chance to rename a bridge as part of an exciting competition.

Entrants between four – 16 years old are invited to think of a fun and imaginative name to call the Guyhirn Bridge, which is part of the scheme.

The bridge over the River Nene currently carries more than 12,000 vehicles a day and was officially opened on 22 April 1925 by Sir W. H. Clarke, Chairman of the Isle of Ely County Council.

It was a well-established crossing point which allowed traffic between the A47 and A141 to cross the river without needing to detour via Wisbech.

The bridge was officially closed on Friday 5 October 1990. It was demolished in 1991 once the new A47 bridge, built slightly further upstream, was opened by Malcolm Moss, MP for Northeast Cambridgeshire on Friday 10 October 1990.

The Guyhirn improvement scheme will open in early 2022 and the team wish to rename the bridge to mark the occasion.

Entrants should send their suggested bridge name, a small description (no more than 30 words – adults can write this for the younger entrants) to explain why they have chosen that name, along with their name, age, address and a parental contact number to [a47news@gallifordtry.co.uk](mailto:a47news@gallifordtry.co.uk).

The competition closes on Friday 11 February and a team of judges will pick the winner. The champion will be named on a plaque on the bridge, a £25 voucher and will be asked to attend the opening celebrations.

### Rules

- Entrants must be aged between four – 16 years old
- One entry per person
- School classes or groups can submit several individual entries on one email
- No offensive or inappropriate names will be accepted
- The team of judges' decision is final
- The winner will be invited to take part in a photocall for local media
- Entrants can't be a direct relative of anyone working at National Highways, Sweco or Galliford Try
- Entrants must not use numbers, people's names or names that may be considered controversial or politic
- The bridge must not be named after an event, occasion, or a commemoration

## **The real Swan Lake...**

We are asking residents to keep their eyes open to some special guests who may be making an appearance in the area during the coming months.

The Bewick's swan migrates from Siberia to East Anglia in the winter, and our team are currently preparing for its safe arrival.

The smallest of the UK swans, the Bewick's swan differs from the more common whopper swan due its smaller straighter neck, and less yellow markings on its bill. It's 1.2metres in length and has a wingspan of approximately 1.9metres.

The team on the Guyhirn scheme are working to ensure that the swans are welcomed, protected and our work does not disturb them if they do travel to the area.

The Bewick's swan will return north again in the spring, but while in the neighbourhood they will feed on the fields during the day, eating crops and leftover grains and then will head to roost on the open water at night.

Environmental habitat is important to us, so it's vital that our work does not harm this protected bird. Our conservation measures will not delay our overall programme, and the upgraded junction remains on track to open next Spring.

To find out more visit the [www.wildlifetrusts.org](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org) and of course, if you do spot one while in the area, please send us a photo to [a47news@gallifordtry.co.uk](mailto:a47news@gallifordtry.co.uk)

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## **Help on hand to protect the environment**

Taking care of the local environment while we upgrade the Guyhirn junction is a top priority for us, and help is on hand with an environmental specialist on site to support this.

For one day a week our ecologist will be on site to ensure that the workforce is aware of their environmental impact, and will give regular briefings to the team, put measures in place to protect migrating birds and local species, and liaise regularly with The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds wardens.

Ecologists play a vital role in protecting our planet, studying relationships among animals and habitats of many different sizes, ranging from the microscopic bacteria in a fish tank to elephants in the Serengeti.

For more information about the work please contact [a47news@gallifordtry.co.uk](mailto:a47news@gallifordtry.co.uk)

## **Christmas works**

During the two-week Christmas period you may not see our team working on site, but please be assured that work continues in the background and our office staff will still be active.

## **Traffic management update**

There will be three-way traffic lights in place at the Guyhirn roundabout from Monday 29 November until Saturday 18 December, from 8pm to 6am, on weeknights only.

## **Every Customer Has an Opinion (ECHO)**

We are encouraging you to visit our A47 Guyhirn feedback tool to have your say about the scheme. The tool is an interactive map, where you can click on a location within the scheme and make a comment or give us your general feedback.

You can access ECHO at [A47 Guyhirn \(govmetric.com\)](http://A47Guyhirn.govmetric.com)

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