



### December 2017



**The Executive Committee Wish our Members and their Families a very Happy**

**Christmas and a Prosperous New Year**

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### South West Roads

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Highways England will deliver the £15 billion of investment in England's motorways and major A roads as described in the Government's [Road Investment Strategy](#). Over £11bn of this capital funding has been committed between 2015 and 2020 and includes over 400 miles of extra capacity that will be delivered by creating a spine of smart motorways as well as major upgrades

#### **A358 Taunton to Southfields**

**Work:** PLANNED

A dual carriageway link between the M5 at Taunton and the A303, part of a programme of improvements to the A303/A30/A358. **Major Scheme**

#### **A30 Carland Cross to Chiverton**

**Work:** PLANNED

Upgrading the A30 single carriageway between Chiverton Cross and Carland Cross roundabouts.

**Major Scheme**

#### **A303 Sparkford to Ilchester**

**Work:** PLANNED

Improving the single lane to a dual carriageway on the A303 between Sparkford and Ilchester, part of a programme of improvements to the A303/A30/A358.

**Major Scheme**

#### **A303 Stonehenge**

**Work:** PLANNED

1 of 9 schemes Highways England plans along the A303, A358 and A30 to create a world-class Expressway to link the south west and south east of England.

**Major Scheme**

#### **A417 missing link**

**Work:** PLANNED

Improving the connection between two dual carriageway sections of the A417 at Brockworth and Cowley.

**Major Scheme**

#### **M49 Avonmouth junction**

**Work:** PLANNED

Construction of a new junction on the M49 in the Avonmouth region.

**Improvement Scheme**

We will all be pleased to hear those road improvements

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**Health and safety statistics for the construction sector in Great Britain**

**80,000 workers suffering from work-related ill health each year (LFS)**  
**30 fatal injuries to workers in 2016/17 (RIDDOR)**  
**64,000 non-fatal injuries to workers each year (LFS)**



800 new retail and leisure opportunities and temporary jobs in the construction industry. Fatal injuries to workers Headline Figures A total of 137 workers were killed at work in Great Britain in 2016/17p. Although this represents a reduction of 10 fatalities from 2015/16, it is possible that this change can be explained by natural variation in the figures. It is the second lowest year on record after 2013/14. However, in statistical terms the number of fatalities has remained broadly level in recent years – the average annual number of workers killed at work over the five years 2012/13-2016/17p is 142.

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**Almost 32,000 new construction jobs expected in the South West**

31,850 additional construction jobs are set to be created in the South West in the next five years, according to new research released today by CITB.



Fuelled by demand for 245,000 new homes across the UK each year, CITB’s Construction Skills Network (CSN) forecast shows that average output for private housing in the South West will grow 5.1% annually to 2018.

Along with infrastructure, at 21%, housing is the chief driver of growth for the region. Between now and 2018, the South West as a whole will see average annual output grow 3.5% - the highest of any UK region - ahead of the national average of 2.2%.

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**A £32.6m luxury retirement development has been approved for construction in Salisbury.**



Retirement housing specialist McCarthy & Stone is planning a development of 85 owner-occupied apartments in the town, following the resolution to grant planning consent by Wiltshire Council.

The development will occupy the site of the former Aviva offices in Castle Street, in Salisbury city centre. The former Aviva offices have been vacant since their closure in October 2016 and will be rebuilt to make way for the new development.

The site is currently being prepared for construction, which is due to start in early to mid-2018.

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