

Recreation ground footpath lighting project starts soon

Work starts soon to provide lighting on the footbridge and path from Pine Close to Jubilee Fields Recreation Ground in Billingshurst.

Residents suggested to West Sussex County Council and Billingshurst Parish Council that lighting was needed to encourage people to use this footpath to get to the recreation ground.

Subject to factors such as extreme weather, works are due to start on 10th September, with traffic lights needed for three days on the nearby A29. This is for the safety of the workforce and public while electrical ducting is provided across the road.

The footpath from Pine Close will then be closed for up to two weeks to allow cables to be trenched and lighting columns installed.

Bob Lanzer, county council Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure, said: "The lighting will be a positive benefit for anyone accessing the Jubilee Fields Recreation ground after dark.

"The recreational area is well used by dog walkers, joggers and for various sporting activities and annual events. The county and parish councils would like to encourage people to access these facilities by foot, rather than drive to and from there.

"We apologise for any inconvenience caused during the works but please be assured we will do all we can to try to limit this as much as possible.

"The works have been timed to ensure minimal disruption to wildlife in the wooded area to the West whilst making sure that the lighting will be available for the darker months."

The project is being funded by the county council and will cost about £30,000.