



Highbarns Chalk Mine Remediation

Newsletter 08 – Update

Dear Resident,

We are now into the autumn and on the last phase of the remediation works, here is the latest:

We have had two rigs working away in the rear of Highbarns gardens. Although out of sight, treatment has been ongoing at a frantic pace with four boreholes alone taking a combined volume of 540m³ of grout. A number of open voids have been found in this area. This brings a project total to date of 2090m³ of bulk infill and 4371m³ of compaction grouting, equivalent to 64 double decker buses.



Rig Working in Meadow Rd Gardens

These high grout takes have had an impact in other areas of site with treatment of Meadow Rd on hold until we treat these other areas first. Now the grout takes have reduced slightly, we are able to progress in Meadow Rd in earnest, the last phase of the planned works. Where any additional treatment is required, we are working closely with Hyder in planning this and ensuring that this is completed as quickly as possible.

Reinstatement works are ongoing and we will be in touch with residents to resolve any outstanding issues in the coming days and weeks.

Elsewhere we have moved our grouting operations and have commenced reinstatement of compound 3 on Highbarns. Other areas that will be reinstated include green spaces on East Green and the 'Laurel Bush' area once works have been completed at Highbarns.

We are also in ongoing discussion with Herts Highways as to when road surfaces and pavements can be repaired and the existing road closure can be removed. This will be completed after the main works which at present are expected to be concluded by the end of November.



Void found in garden of 12 Highbarns

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact us at the community centre or using the Community phone number on 07925094833

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support – BAM Ritchies

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