



Welcome



This is our fifth newsletter for the Aberaeron Coastal Defence Scheme which aims to provide an overview of the upcoming works.

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Construction of the North Pier Breakwater

BAM is working in partnership with Ceredigion County Council and AtkinsRéalis Design Consultancy to deliver Aberaeron Coastal Defence Scheme.

Project Manager - Progress Update



The Aberaeron Coastal Defence Project is designed to safeguard the town and its critical infrastructure and surrounding environment, which have been at risk due to rising sea levels, storms, and ongoing coastal erosion. The project covers several key objectives, including the construction of a new breakwater, the reinforcement of existing structures, and the enhancement of natural coastal resilience through innovative design and strategies.

I am pleased to report significant progress across several key areas of the project. We are already seeing the benefits of the new breakwater and it is helping to protect our works at Pwll Cam with reduced over topping of our temporary works. The planned completion of the coastal defence scheme is scheduled for spring 2025, with the exception of South Pier, Aeron Wall, and Pwll Cam Gate, which are expected to extend into Whitsun 2025.

Throughout the project, we continue to engage with local residents, businesses, and environmental groups. Regular public drop in sessions and information events have been held, and we are grateful for the continued support and feedback from the Aberaeron community.

While significant progress has been made, we are managing significant challenges to deliver such a complex project while minimising disruption to the local businesses and town. Adverse weather conditions, supply chain disruptions, and unforeseen environmental factors has posed a risk to the project timeline. However, our project team remains proactive in addressing these challenges to ensure works are completed as efficiently as possible.

Thank you for your continued support. **Andrew Pointon-Bell**



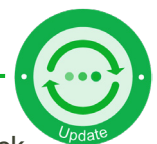
Traffic and pedestrian management



We are making every effort to minimise our impact on residents and visitors to Aberaeron while we work on the flood defences. However, there is a need to manage traffic and pedestrians in order to allow us safe working areas and protect the public. The temporary closures listed below remain in place:

- » The coastal path diversion through Aberaeron.
- » Access onto South Beach.
- » The pedestrian wooden footbridge across the river Aeron.
- » The temporary road closure along Quay Parade has been extended to 11/04/2025 to facilitate the completion of the drainage works.

What have we been doing?



- » Completion of the deep main line drainage along Quay Parade.
- » Commencement of the 4 no. gates installation to Quay Parade.
- » Masonry cladding to the new Quay Parade wall. This will be completed when the glass panels arrive from the manufacturer.
- » Fitting of glass panels to the completed first half of River Aeron wall to the A487 Road Bridge.
- » Installing ground anchors and ground grouting to the existing river Aeron wall at Toad Hall.
- » Construction of the North Breakwater and concrete walkway.
- » Reconstruction of the South Beach rock revetment and installation of the new timber groynes.
- » Construction of the new inner harbour gate abutments and the new wall to the Hive.
- » Excavation and building of the new South Pier foundation.

Key upcoming works



February:

- » Installation of the surface drainage channel along Quay Parade.
- » Glass panels installation and masonry coping – Quay Parade and the Hive.
- » Completion of the Hive courtyard.
- » Continuing gates installation to Quay Parade.
- » Continuing construction of the new inner harbour gate abutments.
- » Continuing construction of the North Breakwater concrete walkway and rock placement.
- » Rebuilding the river wall in front of Toad Hall & Y-Seler. Removal of access platform into the River Aeron.
- » Building of the South Beach rock revetment and Timber Groynes.
- » Building the new South Pier foundation.

March:

- » Completing the surface drainage channel at Quay Parade.
- » Commissioning of lighting columns.
- » Gates installation adjacent to the Hive on Quay Parade.
- » Completion of the North Breakwater concrete walkway and rock placement.
- » Completion of the concrete construction of the new inner harbour gate abutments and adjacent structures.
- » Install masonry cladding to Abutments at Pwll Cam gate.
- » At end of March we expect the delivery of the Pwll Cam Inner Harbour Gate parts to site.
- » Rebuilding the river wall in front of Toad Hall & Y-Seler.
- » Construction of a new wall and ramp at the Wooden Bridge to tie-in to the River Aeron wall.

- » Completion of the South Beach rock revetment and Timber Groynes.
- » Building of the new South Pier foundation.

April:

- » Install Pwll Cam Harbour Gate.
- » Continue with masonry cladding to walls around gate works.
- » Quay Parade: fitting of Glass Panelling.
- » Final surfacing works along Quay Parade.
- » Construction of a new wall and ramp at the wooden bridge to tie-in to the River Aeron wall.
- » Building of the new walls to the South Pier head.

May:

- » Quay Parade: final fitting of Glass Panelling.
- » Removal of the temporary sheet pile cofferdam across entrance.



Key upcoming works



May continued:

- » Continue building the wall at the wooden bridge to tie-in to the River Aeron wall and start masonry cladding.
- » Hard landscaping of the Pwll Cam Terrace promenade.
- » Install Glass Panelling to Y-Seler Wall and Pwll Cam Terrace Walls.
- » Building of the new walls to the South Pier head.

Community Benefits and Engagement



STEM Ambassadors

This event was aimed at inspiring young people to consider future careers in construction and provided students with a valuable insight into the sector, its career pathways and future opportunities. Five events took place:

- » Penglais Secondary School – Year 10 construction students
- » Aberaeron Comprehensive school – Year 9 school options event
- » Penglais Secondary School – Year 9 school subject options event
- » Ysgol Bro Teifi – Year 9 school subjects options event
- » Ysgol Pro Pedr – Year 12 Apprenticeship event



Aberaeron Primary School Concert



BAM representatives were invited to Aberaeron primary school end of year concert. The concert showcased the history of the harbour, from its original construction built by Rev Alban Gwynne in 1807, to the ongoing coastal defence works being delivered by BAM. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event!

Aberaeron Carers Group

BAM's Public Liaison Officer met with the 'Carers' group to present an overview of the Aberaeron Coastal Defence project. Members of the group were keen to learn about the project.



Hectors Greyhound Rescue

The staff at BAM recently raised £318.75 for a local Greyhound rescue centre in Llanon. This generous donation will help the centre provide essential care and services to rescue dogs in need. In addition to the monetary support, BAM also granted a day's leave to their Public Liaison Officer, allowing her to volunteer at the centre and contribute directly to the care and rehabilitation of the animals. This initiative highlights BAM's ongoing efforts to give back to local causes and make a positive impact on the lives of both people and animals.



Community Benefits and Engagement



BAM is committed to supporting the local community and has sponsored many local events and sporting clubs in Aberaeron.

Ceredigion County Council Scrutiny Committee

Ceredigion County Council Scrutiny Committee and Cllr Elizabeth Evans visited the Aberaeron Coastal Defence Project to assess progress and received a tour of the works being built.



Aberaeron Round Table 10k

BAM provided sponsorship for the children's medal for the Aberaeron 10k run organised by Aberaeron Round Table.



'Spotlight' Ceremony Awards

BAM sponsored the young people 2024 'Spotlight' Awards. The ceremony celebrates the achievements of young people who achieve exceptional things and make a difference. The event is a collaboration between Pembrokeshire Youth, the Children and Young People's Rights Office and Children's Services.



Learning Welsh with BAM

BAM encourage and support the learning of the Welsh language and has been providing evening language lessons to staff team members, through Dysgu Cymraeg. Being able to speak Welsh will allow team members to engage with the local community in both languages, as well as helping to increase the number of Welsh speakers.

Aberaeron Comprehensive School Musical

BAM provided sponsorship towards the Aberaeron Comprehensive School 'High School Musical' production.



Community Benefits and Engagement



A snapshot of the feedback received from the local community

“It was lovely to meet you yesterday and thank you to you and everyone at BAM for all the work and the contribution to Aberaeron.”

Resident

“Thank you for updating us on Quay Parade works.”

Resident

“Thank you for visiting us and for the recent financial support.”

Ray Ceredigion

“A Huge Thank You to BAM Nuttall! We were thrilled to have BAM Nuttall as a key supporter of this year's Aberaeron Charity Run sponsoring the children's race.”

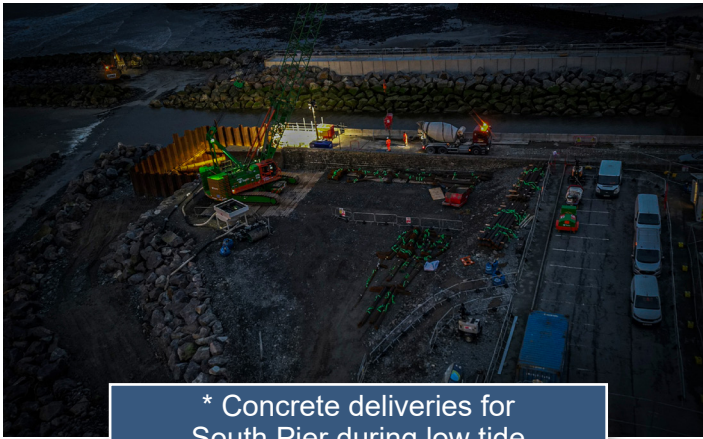
Aberaeron Round Table

“Thank you to BAM for kindly agreeing to support the secondary school career events.”

Careers Wales



Construction gallery



* Concrete deliveries for South Pier during low tide



* Installing shuttering to Pwll Cam entrance



* Installing glass panels along the River Aeron



North Pier - New concrete walkway along the breakwater



Placing the pre-cast units along the breakwater



Quay Parade - Setting new drainage manholes



Pouring concrete via a crane to strengthen the HIVE rear wall garden



Quay Parade - New stone clad wall



Pwll Cam terrace - New stone wall ready for glass panels to be fitted

* Photography by Andrew Chittock



Construction gallery



* Pwll Cam - Concrete delivery



* Pwll Cam entrance - Reinforced concrete for the flood gates to fasten to



Pwll Cam entrance



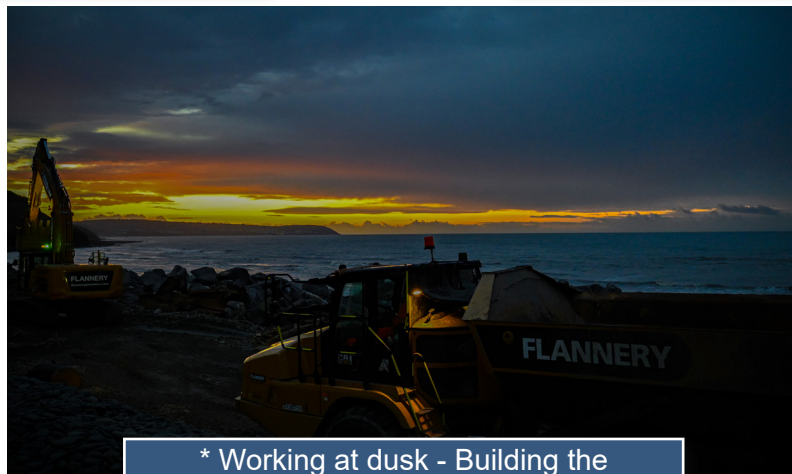
Rebuilding South Pier head



The Hive - Concrete footing



The largest concrete pump in the UK used to reach the breakwater walkway



* Working at dusk - Building the breakwater at low tide along South Beach

* Photography by Andrew Chittock



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We are BAM



We imagine, create and enrich buildings and infrastructure across the UK & Ireland. For over 150 years, we've dedicated ourselves to enhancing lives by creating sustainable environments and communities where people can live, work and thrive.

Our vision is to build a sustainable tomorrow. That's why we think beyond the build and focus on the bigger impact. It's how we make the iconic buildings and infrastructure that shape our society.

Restless in our pursuit of better, we work collaboratively with our partners to unlock what's possible, together. That's because we believe in actions, not words.

And that's why we're on a mission to make possible.

Environment and community



Through the adoption of a responsible and proactive attitude to environmental issues BAM is committed to minimising any potentially harmful effects of its business activities on the environment and contributing to sustainable development through balancing its business aims with environmental considerations. BAM will comply with, and where possible, exceed legal and other requirements to which it subscribes, in relation to its environmental aspects and engaging communities in the project.

Considerate Constructors



All BAM sites register with the Considerate Constructors Scheme. This means we are committed to being a good neighbour and to being clean, respectful, safe, environmentally conscious, responsible, and accountable. Our site is independently inspected to make sure we live up to these aims.

We try to work in a way that causes as little inconvenience as possible to our neighbours. We apologise for any unavoidable nuisance that may be caused during the work.

Contact Us

It is our intention to complete these works with minimal disruption. However, if you have any concerns, please contact our Public Liaison Officer who is available to assist.

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