

Background communications to the replacement of the pedestrian bridge

The pedestrian bridge

The pedestrian bridge was closed from 20 January 2025 until 23 May 2025 to allow for the installation of the new bridge. The Ebury play area will be closed from 20 January 2025 until autumn 2025 whilst the play area is being revived.

Following successful removal of the old bridge in February, the new bridge was installed over the weekend of Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 March. Follow the link below to see the old bridge being removed:

<https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/news/aquadrome-pedestrian-bridge-removed>

A new bridge and an updated play area

From autumn 2024 to spring 2025, the council and its contractor installed a new bridge to make it easier and safer to cross the River Colne. It is 3 metres wide allowing both pedestrians and cyclists to pass with ease. The new bridge gives our visitors a much-improved entrance from Riverside Drive with a stunning view of Batchworth Lake. The area has been landscaped with seating and new planting for everyone to enjoy.

To help with our aspirations to enhance the visitors' experience of the well-loved Rickmansworth Aquadrome, Three Rivers District Council has appointed AHR to project manage the replacement of the pedestrian bridge, landscape the surrounding area and the exciting refurbishment of Ebury Way play area.

AHR is working collaboratively with award-winning contractor Beaver Bridges, who developed and constructed the striking design of the new bridge and have installed the pedestrian bridge in the new year for generations to enjoy.

More information on AHR and its part in the Rickmansworth Aquadrome project can be found [here](#).



The closure dates will be updated here, on social media and on the signs around the Aquadrome.

Ebury play area was shut during the entire construction phase as this area was used to support the creation of the new bridge.

To keep a piece of the old bridge's history, the Penny Farthing classic model bikes have been included in the new design, along with a fresh landscaped entrance.

Once the works to the bridge are complete, Ebury play area will be revived to reflect the Aquadrome's landscape.

Following [a consultation in April and May 2024](#), incorporating your comments and feedback from pupils at St Mary's Primary School, the new play area has been designed to encourage adventurous play in a natural environment. From exploring willow dens and tunnels, to traversing ropes and climbing the play towers, there will be plenty for our younger visitors to discover and enjoy.

We will be bringing you this new and revitalised play area soon.