

Tunnel being dug beneath the river

Work has started on digging a tunnel under the river as part of sewerage improvements by South West Water.

Contractor Carillion is working on shafts which will form underground pumping chambers on both sides of the harbour.

Specialist tunnellers have been brought in to dig a 28-metre-long tunnel between the two chambers. A guided tunnelling machine will insert a 300mm-diameter pipe to carry sewage between the chambers.

It's hoped to complete the tunnelling and pumping chambers by Easter. That will only leave the building of pipelines and a control room for the pumps, to be set into the hillside behind a natural stone facing.



Tunnelling equipment is lowered into the south shaft

Car park on target for reopening by Easter

Boscastle's main car park is set to reopen in time for Easter and the start of the visitor season.

Contractors are about to start raising the level of the main car park by around one metre so that it's less at risk of flooding. They will build up the

sub-surface with slate that's been dug out in widening and deepening the river.

Two rows of car parking have been lost in widening the river so that it can carry more water. These will be replaced by a car park extension with 130 spaces, giving a total of 240 spaces.

Work on laying the sub-surface of the car park extension is three-quarters complete, again using stone from the river. The surface will be a plastic grid filled with soil and sown with grass to give a natural look. It's hoped to plant trees to help screen the car park and create habitats for wildlife.



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The Boscastle flood defence scheme is being carried out by the Environment Agency working with Cornwall County Council, Forrabury and Minster Parish Council, National Trust, North Cornwall District Council and South West Water

