

# Historic Donnington Brewery Bridge to be rebuilt

**Reconstruction will ensure a safe, picturesque Cotswold route for the future.**

Donnington Brewery Bridge is set to be rebuilt after initial surveys as part of planned repair work discovered underlying structural weaknesses in the crossing.

The 19<sup>th</sup> century bridge, which directs the B58 road over the River Dikler near Upper Swell, will be rebuilt using a mixture of salvaged and new Cotswold stone. The headwalls and parapets above the three arches of the structure will be reinstated. The bridge's design has been agreed with the Cotswolds Conservation Board, ensuring the new bridge will fit in to the local environment.

Cllr Nigel Moor, local member for Stow-on-the-Wold and cabinet member for fire, planning and infrastructure at Gloucestershire County Council, said: "Once our team began initial work to replace the crumbling mortar, stones and bricks in Donnington Brewery Bridge, it became apparent that structural repairs were needed before it fell in to even more serious disrepair. The bridge is used regularly by the local brewery as well as local people, so our investment will ensure it supports the area for generations to come whilst maintaining the character of our Cotswolds architectural heritage."

A diversion will be in place for traffic and pedestrians during the works. Pedestrians are urged not to use the bridge while work is ongoing. Given the extent of the repairs, walking over the bridge is not safe, and a temporary footbridge is not viable due to the space required by works.

The reconstructed bridge is expected to be complete by Spring 2018. Dates for scheduled work will be published soon once these have been confirmed.

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