

PRESS RELEASE

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BOOST FOR MOTORISTS CROSSING FRODSHAM'S SUTTON WEAVER SWING BRIDGE

Motorists driving across Sutton Weaver Swing Bridge in Frodsham will soon have a smoother ride thanks to a repairs being carried out next week.

Delivered by the Canal & River Trust charity and funded by Cheshire West and Chester Council, the work includes repairs to cracks which have developed between the old and new bridge decks, followed by resurfacing of the carriageway. The iconic metal swing bridge, constructed in 1926, carries the busy A56 road over the River Weaver Navigation, close to junction 12 of the M56 motorway in North Cheshire.

Working with the council to minimise inconvenience for motorists, repairs will be carried out over six consecutive nights, starting on Wednesday 5 February. The Trust, a waterways and well-being charity which cares for 2,000 miles of canals and rivers, will keep the bridge open throughout the work but there will be some lane closures, controlled by temporary traffic lights.

Fran Littlewood, project manager with the Canal & River Trust, said: "Thousands of motorists use Sutton Weaver Swing Bridge every week so it's a top priority for both the Trust and the council to keep it in good working order. These are small but important repairs to keep everything running smoothly and will involve contractors working below the bridge deck, followed by resurfacing.

The effect on motorists should be minimal due to all the work happening overnight and the river navigation will remain open."

Councillor Karen Shore, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Strategic Transport said: "I'm delighted this project once again shows excellent

partnership working between the Canal & River Trust and the Council. The Council is committed to ongoing investment in our highway network and, as part of agreements concerning the maintenance of the iconic swing bridges, has set aside the £80K funding for these repairs to ensure journeys run smoothly for all highway users.”

For more information about the River Weaver Navigation, check out the Canal & River Trust website www.canalrivertrust.org.uk.

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