

SAFETY ALERT

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Ringway North Yorkshire – Dangerous Occurrence

Date: 09 November 2015

Time: 13.00hrs

Division: Ringway North Yorkshire

Location: Hawswick Bridge (spanning River Skiffare), Hawswick, Kettlewell

An independent scaffold was in-situ over the River Skiffare to allow engineering works to take place on Hawswick Bridge.

The scaffold had been erected by a competent supply chain partner and a regular inspection and maintenance programme was in place by qualified and competent persons.

Due to heavy and unprecedented rainfall in the area, the river flooded and the scaffold was struck by large debris (assumed to be a fallen tree) carried by the flood flow, resulting in damage to the scaffold structure. The scaffold remained in place after the incident. No work was taking place at the time of the incident and no persons were injured as a result of this incident. The division is undertaking a full investigation.

As we move into the winter months we need to be aware that adverse weather conditions will become more common and we need to take into account the impact that these events may have on our operations.



On site showing bent tubes

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