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Horsted Keynes Carriage Shed Extension (OP4)

Update from Barry Luck, end of June 2019



Progress continues apace on the OP4 project. The first layer of cladding has now been fixed to the western and eastern faces of the carriage shed (as seen in the photo on the right). Work will start on the southern (gable) end within the next couple of weeks.



The ground floor of the Heritage Skills Centre (HSC) was poured on 25th and 27th of June. The photo on the left shows the floor with the power-float being used to provide a high quality finished surface.

The next step will be to clean and paint the steelwork structure, followed by the support rails for the cladding.

As seen below, the face brickwork at the northern end of the HSC is complete as far as we can at present, and work has started on the blockwork between the HSC and the carriage shed. The dwarf wall around the outside of the HSC will follow.



There has also been plenty of activity on trackwork. The yard is now connected to the running line via the new three-way pointwork. The running in line has been temporarily slewed across to make the connection, but this will be replaced with another turnout when time permits, connecting to the old head-shunt.



E-road and D-road have been reconnected enabling stock to moved in and out of the maintenance area and the main carriage works, as seen below.



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For completeness, we include a brief report previously published in the What's New/Blog, from Bruce Healey, with photos by Stuart Moon. The new track is seen in place on Tuesday 25 June, connecting D road of the carriage works, enabling the paint shop to be shunted that day, and the point which will give access to B-road in the old shed. This follows on from [an earlier report](#) which included track plans for the work in progress.

