

MEDIA INFORMATION

BLAKEDOWN TURN DERELICT LAND INTO ‘RIVERSIDE PARK’

Work has started in Newbridge to transform a patch of waste land into a ‘Riverside Park’ for the community. Caerphilly County Borough Council appointed Blakedown Landscapes Operations to create a recreational space from an area of land under the A472 Trecelyn Viaduct.

The scheme, worth £560,000, will involve the construction of a cycle pump track, an outdoor gym, seating area and improved lighting. Landscape improvements will also be made to the footpath leading from the town centre. The pillars of the viaduct will be treated and repaired in preparation for the installation of artwork chosen by young community members following a number of workshops in schools. The works will conclude with the installation of street furniture, grass seeding and planting.

The development forms part of ‘phase 3’ of the major Newbridge Regeneration Programme which has received £16 million investment, partly through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). It also brings to life the vision of the members of the Newbridge Community Partnership who have been working to create more outdoors spaces within the town centre.

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