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OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW BRIDGE IN BEXLEY VILLAGE

Cllr Alex Sawyer, Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transport, officially opened the new bridge in Bexley Village earlier today.

The new bridge reopened to traffic in May 2016, two months ahead of schedule. Successive surveys had previously shown that the old bridge was weak and could potentially fail. To ensure that the Village could continue to thrive in the future, London Borough of Bexley took the decision to invest in this critical infrastructure.

The Mayor of Bexley, Cllr Eileen Pallen, thanked local residents and businesses for their patience during the work.

To protect the conservation status of Bexley Village, and to maintain its unique character, the new bridge is an exact replica of the old one. During construction a rusted Thames Water trunk main was unexpectedly discovered and replaced averting the risk of potential flooding.

Cllr Sawyer said:

“The new bridge will ensure that Bexley Village, which was recently named one of the UK’s top 10 locations for independent shops, will continue to flourish, and any risk of the bridge failing or potential flooding has been averted.

“We’d like to thank residents and businesses for their patience during the work and remind everyone during this busy pre-Christmas period that Bexley Village is very much open for business.”

Throughout the bridge closure the Council maintained close contact with businesses and the village remained open as usual. The construction of the bridge was funded by Transport for London. For more information on the project visit www.bexley.gov.uk/bexleyhighstreetbridge

Attachment 1 - photo of Cllr Sawyer opening the bridge in Bexley Village

Attachment 2 - photo of the new bridge in Bexley Village

Attachments

- [Cllr Sawyer officially opening Bexley Village bridge.jpg](#)
- [New Bridge Bexley Village - Official Opening.jpg](#)