



Construction of Margaret's Bridge, Maidenhead

The client: Royal Borough Windsor and Maidenhead

The site: Margaret's Bridge, Maidenhead

The brief: Implement an ecological mitigation and enhancement strategy for the construction of a new bridge and footpath crossing the River Bray in Maidenhead.

Our solution: We worked closely with RBWM who had previously identified populations of slow worm and grass snake on site, and commenced a programme of translocation. Our ecologists provided a regular presence on site, carrying out daily reptile translocations to safely move the population to an adjacent Local Nature Reserve receptor site. We also produced a series of detailed working method statements which set out instructions for potentially harmful activities.

The result: Maydencroft played an integral role in both the design and implementation of reptile and nesting bird mitigation for this project. Following the completion of the translocations, reptiles were no longer being found underneath refugia, indicating the successful removal of the majority of the population. The construction works to install the bridge and footpath were also undertaken by Maydencroft, with support from our ecologists.