

## Whorlton Bridge Transcript

[Image: Drone footage showing birds eye view of compound and Whorlton Bridge]

[Alan Patrickson: So we are here today at Whorlton Bridge in Teesdale. This bridge is a fantastic ancient scheduled monument.

[Image: Drone footage showing different views of Whorlton Bridge and the scaffolding erected on either side.

[Alan Patrickson: Its part of the history of County Durham but its also part of the transport network and part of the road network here]

[Images: Head shot of Alan Patrickson]

[Text: Alan Patrickson, DCC Corporate Director Neighbourhoods and Climate Change]

[Alan Patrickson: and its currently closed because the bridge is in severe need of repair and the project we have here is to basically take this bridge apart bit by bit,

[Images: Drone footage showing different angles of Whorlton Bridge]

[Alan Patrickson: repair it and basically put it back together again.

[Images: Wide angle of the bridge moving onto birds eye view of scaffolding before panning along the length of the bridge deck]

[Alan Patrickson: So behind me, very shortly we will have a cable crane which is going to support the entire structure of the bridge whole it's taken apart piece by piece]

[Images: Timelapse footage of a cable crane being erected on the bridge]

[Alan Patrickson: ...and this is 193 years old engineering that we are now dismantling. Of course one of the challenges here is that we don't really know what we're going to find when we dismantle it, but we do know that we'll be able to repair it and put it back together]

[Images: view from underneath the bridge, moving to above the bridge and then moving to wide angle of the bridge and river]

[Alan Patrickson: so this is a project that's going to take some time, its going to take some care and we have diversions in place for cyclists and walkers as well as motorists. This is a beautiful part of the county and people love to be out here for recreation]

[Images: Head shot of Alan Patrickson]

[Alan Patrickson: so please bear with us, please bear with the diversions we know its difficult and its inconvenient at the minute but we do need to look after this structure and we do need to look after this fantastic historic monument.