

High praise indeed for group of workmen

I hope you'll find it refreshing to read a letter of thanks and praise, rather than the usual moans.

As many know well, Madley Park is undergoing a pipe laying exercise by BOSS Contracts on behalf of Virgin Media. This week has been the turn of our section of Harvest Way. As a retired person, I have nothing to do but watch - I wish!

A gang of men arrived with a miniature digger, portable rotary cutter, shovels, brushes and wheelbarrows, and erected safety barriers. Within three hours they had carved out and dug up the channels, laid the pipes, filled in, tidied up, put down temporary walkways, and left. The next day, the channels were filled with tarmac. Two days later a gang was back with top soil and grass seed.

They never stopped. They were friendly, courteous, clean and tidy, informative, and above all fast workers. And I told them so. I gather they will be on the estate probably until February next.

So what I do find somewhat disturbing, is the fact, that these gangs drive in vans from Wembley every morning and return each evening; and the topsoil came via a 30 tonne truck from a site near junction one of the M1! Er... are there potential savings to be made here, not to mention the easing of traffic congestion and the lessening of air pollution? But that's not *their* problem, they were brilliant! Thanks.

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