

Title: A345 realignment and new access road**Project Details**

Client: St John's School & College
Consultant: MEA and Bellamy Roberts
Contract: ICE 5th minor works
Contract value: £800,000
Contract period: 6 months

**Project Overview**

In 2007/08 MJ Church were appointed to undertake the construction of the new access road for the school campus at St John's School and College in Marlborough, Wiltshire.

The works involved the realignment of 400m of the existing A345 and the construction of 300m of new access road. The works included the removal and translocation of 400m of existing hedgerow for later use, 5,000m³ of cut and fill in chalk, 5,000m² of bound carriageway and the importation of 10,000 tonnes of aggregate as fill and sub-base.

The scheme was reliant on practical traffic management due to the heavy traffic flows in and out of Marlborough. This was managed by the use of advanced warning signs and through productive liaison with local residents, Wiltshire County Council Highways and the local emergency services to both minimise and mitigate the level of disruption.

Both the programme and operations were demanding but were managed successfully which included the surfacing being carried out at night under a full closure. This reduced the amount of disruption during the day.

In addition MJ Church carried out the associated drainage, fencing and landscaping works along with the diversion of the existing BT infrastructure. All works were completed on time and without defect.

