

Yarm Flood Alleviation Scheme

June 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to the June 2025 edition of the Yarm Flood Alleviation Scheme newsletter. The flood gate replacement work is vital to managing flood risk to over 500 properties within Yarm.

The Environment Agency is undertaking essential works to replace 29 Flood Gates in Yarm, along with works to the existing flood walls and provision of improved access arrangements around the new flood gates. This essential work is required to ensure better flood protection to the whole community, which includes over 500 properties. The project involves significant civil engineering works, which must be carried out in a safe manner, both for those undertaking the works and the wider public.

Continuations of Works

The final phase of the Flood Gate Replacement works is nearing completion, with all flood gates now installed. We will continue to undertake the necessary re-instatement to ensure that the working areas are returned back to their pre-condition. We would like to thank everyone affected for their patience and support, whilst we've been undertaking these vital works to manage flood risk to Yarm.



Figure 1. Final Gate Installation.

Completion of Works and Quality Assurance

Over the next few weeks, our contractor will be carrying out some snagging and re-instatement works around Yarm, returning to some new gates to inspect and in some cases undertake some additional targeted testing. These targeted tests are part of the latest quality assurance requirements for the scheme, making sure we have complete testing records, to latest requirements, before our contractors demobilise from site. Any landowners affected by these additional tests will have already received information from the Environment Agency about this.

To safely undertake the additional targeted water testing for gates close to True Lovers Walk footpath, access along small sections of True Lovers Walk will be temporarily impacted and potentially closed for a very short period of time. Water testing involves the build-up of a head of water against the flood gate, using a wooden shutter. For safety reasons, we will not undertake a water test with members of the public passing close by, in the event that the wooden testing structure was to fail or leak. Access along small sections of True Lovers Walk will only be temporarily impacted during the water test, lasting up to one day. **We apologise for any inconvenience these essential activities may cause and thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.**

In addition to the above water testing, following our quality checks, some of the hydraulic pumps used to raise and lower the gates need to be replaced with a new, improved pump. The gates remain fully operational and continue to be checked regularly. Our contractors will be in touch with any residents or landowners should access to their property be required to replace these pumps, over the next couple of months. The flood gates remain fully operational in the meantime.



Figure 2. Re Test Shutter and Safety Screen in place.

Images of the re-opened True Lovers Walk

True Lovers Walk on the West side of Yarm was re-opened to the Public on the 25th April 2025. The project team from BAM Nuttall and the Environment Agency, along with a large number of Friends of True Lovers Walk volunteers, planted over 2000 bulbs to help reinstate the embankments for the benefit of all the residents and visitors to Yarm. We would like to thank the community for their patience whilst we completed these vital works.

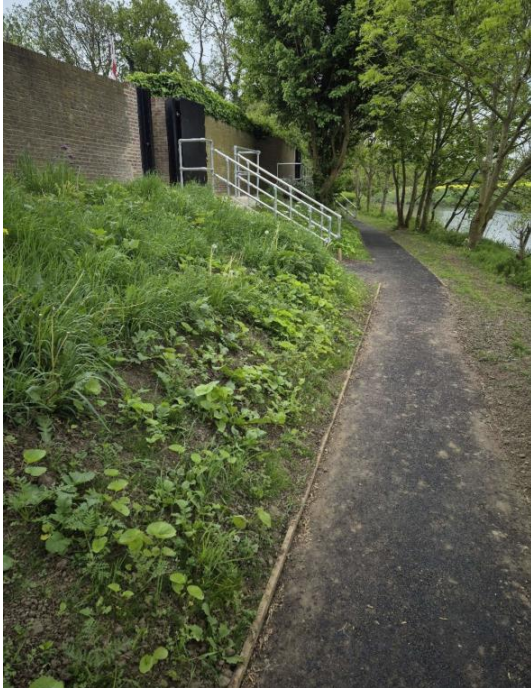


Figure 3. Reopened True Lovers Walk



Figure 4. Reinstatement of Seating Area, along True Lovers Walk.

Finding out more information

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