

Yarm Flood Alleviation Scheme

November 2024 Newsletter

Welcome to the November 2024 edition of the Yarm Flood Alleviation Scheme newsletter. This newsletter forms one of the ways that we will keep you updated on our Flood Alleviation works in Yarm, as the project develops.

Continuation of Works – Flood Gates

Construction on the Yarm Flood Alleviation Scheme continues with **all Public gates having now been installed**, including **Gates 27 to 32** and the publicly accessible **Gates 2, 17 and 23**. A small amount of reinstatement is required on these which will be completed in the coming weeks.



Figure 1. Gate 31 Installed and Tested

Works have now progressed to the **second phase** of the project, on the West and North sides of Yarm. **Gates 19 – 24** have now been installed, with a section of footpath between the rail bridge and the road bridge to be reinstated. **Gates 1, 3 and 4** have also been installed with associated works and re-instatement being completed.



Figure 2. Gate 3 Access Steps and Handrails.



Figure 3. Gate 4 Groundworks

Works on the **West Side of Yarm** to install new flood gates along True Lovers Walk are continuing. In addition, access improvements are being carried out on a number of Gates adjacent to True Lovers Walk – this work involves the construction of new access steps and platforms which are designed to provide a safe working area when operating the gates. Unfortunately access along some sections of True Lovers Walk will continue to be restricted for the rest of 2024 to accommodate the remainder of the works. This closure is necessary to facilitate access needs to safely deliver the scheme, however we are doing everything possible to re-open this section of footpath as soon as we can. Upon completion of the work, the area will be fully re-instated.

We apologise for any inconvenience our activities may cause and thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.



Figure 4. Gate 13 Temporary Flood Protection following removal of Flood Gate.

The third and final phase of the works are predominantly within private property, although some access will be required along True Lovers Walk due to the required plant sizes and material movements. The works will finish in the New Year.

We have spoken directly with all landowners and occupants who will be impacted by the replacement of this next phase of gates and we will continue to engage with landowners and stakeholders about the ongoing work.

Please note that all dates provided are our best estimate at this moment in time, and may change, especially if we experience poor weather and the flood gates need to be operated.

Social Value

STEMFest 2024: Inspiring Future Engineers Through Local Projects

This October, STEMfest 2024 at the Beacon of Light brought together curious minds from primary and secondary schools across the North East. Organised as an immersive 3-day event.

Representatives from BAM, delivered mini workshops to young people, linking Civil Engineering projects based on the locality of their school.

With many Teesside based schools in Attendance including Abingdon Primary, Mill Lane Primary, St Pauls, Deaf Hill and St Patricks RC Primary Schools, BAM were able to showcase the key elements of design, sustainability and environmental work involved in delivering the Yarm Floodgate Replacement scheme.



Figure 5. table top display

Supporting Friends of the True Lovers Walk in maintaining their popular walking routes.

In a demonstration of community spirit, the project team joined forces with Friends of the True Lovers Walk to improve a well-loved public footpath surrounding the Town. This effort included seven volunteers from the project carrying out general maintenance and improvements along the footpath.

BAM's involvement not only reflects their dedication to delivering essential infrastructure work but also highlights their commitment to giving back to the communities in which they operate.



Figure 6. Project team with members of the Friends of True Lovers Walk

Finding out more information

If you would like more information or have a specific question, please check the Frequently Asked Questions web page via the QR code or link below. Alternatively if you have any other questions please get in touch with us via EA-YarmFAS@environment-agency.gov.uk or contact BAM's Public Liaison Officer at Ryan.Wilson@bam.com

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