

# Yarm Flood Alleviation Scheme

## February 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to the February 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.

### Continuation of works – Second phase has begun

Following the installation of the new flood gates on the East side of Yarm, 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 reinstated. **Gates 1, 3 and 4** on the West of Yarm have also been installed with some remaining works and re-instatement underway.

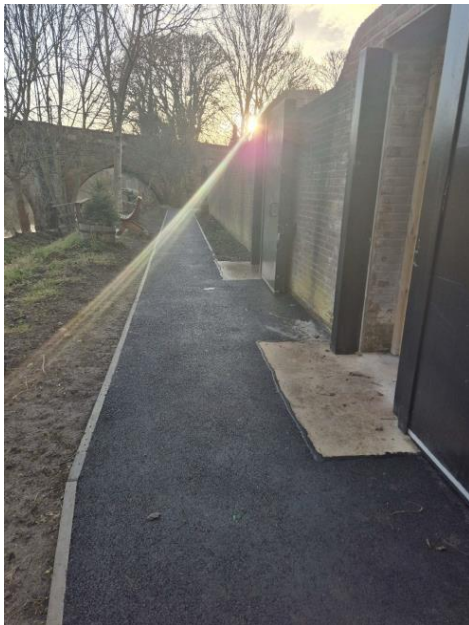


Figure 1. Showing Gate 20-22 near the Yarm Road Bridge



Figure 2. Handrails being installed on Gate 3, off True Lovers Walk (with temporary fencing also pictured)

### True Lovers Walk

As part of this second phase, works on the **West side of Yarm to replace the flood gates along True Lovers Walk** are continuing. In addition to the new gate installations, access improvements for Environment Agency operatives are being implemented. **This work is a critical part of the project** and involves the construction of new access steps and platforms which are designed to provide a safe working area for our staff when operating the gates.

**Access along the western section of True Lovers Walk will continue to be restricted until mid-May 2025** to accommodate the remainder of the works and the required reinstatement of the path.

Whilst we understand that this could be inconvenient to walkers in the short term, this closure is necessary to facilitate access needs and means that we can safely deliver the scheme. We want to reassure residents that we are doing everything possible to re-open the remaining sections of footpath as soon as we can. **We apologise for any inconvenience our activities may cause and thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.**



Figure 3. New access platforms, Steps and Handrails being installed off True Lovers Walk

### Third and final phase of the project

The **third and final phase** of the works have begun and are predominantly within private properties, although some access will be required along True Lovers Walk due to the required plant sizes and material movements.

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.

**We anticipate that the final phase of the project will be completed by mid-May 2025.**

**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.**

### 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](mailto:EA-YarmFAS@environment-agency.gov.uk) or contact BAM's Public Liaison Officer at [Ryan.Wilson@bam.com](mailto:Ryan.Wilson@bam.com)

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