

Yarm Flood Alleviation Scheme

April 2024 Newsletter

This is the seventh edition of the Yarm Flood Alleviation Scheme newsletter. This newsletter will form 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 **Gate 17** having now been successfully installed and tested. The safe working access platform is to be installed and the reinstatement is ongoing.



Figure 1. New sliding Gate 17 Installed

Flood Gate 2, off West Street has been installed and is now back open to the Public, with some reinstatement still required which will be being completed shortly.

Our works on the replacement of **Flood Gates 27** and **28**, which are on the entrances of Swinburns Yard and Yarm Wharf Car Park have been completed following some small design changes. Access to Swinburns Yard and Yarm Wharf Car Park were re-established by the **28th March 2024**. Again some small reinstatement is still required, which will be carried out over the coming weeks with as little disruption as possible.

We have now progressed onto replacing **Gates 29** and **30**, and will continue the installation **through April**. To allow the safe installation we will continue to keep the footpath closed through **Gate 30** for this duration.



Figure 2. New sliding Gate 27 Installed and Tested

Work to upgrade **Gates 31** and **32** commenced in **late March 2024**, with a footpath closure shown below to maintain safe segregation of the workforce and the public. During this period some temporary traffic lights will need to be in place to maintain a safe flow of traffic past the work area at gate 31. The first operation in this area will be a soil sample rig to carry out some ground investigation works in the area.



Figure 3. Footpath Closures around Castle Dyke Wynd.

In **later April** work will progress on the public Flood **Gate no23** near the Yarm Road Bridge, and the private Flood **Gate no19** under the viaduct. This again will mean some sections of the True Lovers Walk will need to be closed off for safety, and signage will be installed highlighting these area.

In **May**, the works will progress to private gates 20 to 22 west of Yarm Road Bridge, with this section of True Lovers Walk Footpath remaining closed throughout this period.

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.

We have spoken directly with all landowners and occupants who will be impacted by the replacement of this first group of gates. We will continue to engage with landowners and stakeholders about the timing of future phases of works.

Properties which have works or an access route near to them, will be or have been contacted by our 3rd party surveying company, Brown Rural. Brown Rural be offering a internal and external survey of your property if it has been identified as a requirement.

Environmental Enhancements

Funded by the Environment Agency our river restoration partners, Tees River Trust have commenced work on the River Tees Environmental Enhancements in Yarm.

The environmental enhancement proposals are natural, will create habitat, improve ecology and will rehabilitate around 50m of riverbank, increasing the resilience of sections of bank along the True Lovers Walk. Works by the Tees River Trust will continue in other locations over the coming weeks, with small sections of True Lovers Walk being closed to public access.



Figure 4. Environmental Enhancements on the River Tees.

Rights of Way

As mentioned above, the replacement of some of the flood gates will impact access to the True Lovers Walk public footpath. To allow a safe operational working area for the contractors, and to ensure the safety of members of the public, sections of the footpath will be closed during the works. We have been working closely with Stockton Borough Council to keep disturbance to a minimum. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Notices and signs have been installed in advance of the footpath and carpark closure, and we will open up sections of footpath as soon as we safely can.

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, or if you have any other questions please get in touch with us via EA-YarmFAS@environment-agency.gov.uk

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