

Following the floods of December 2015, the government allocated an additional £45.2 million to the Environment Agency to better protect 2,000 properties in York. As part of the resulting York Flood Alleviation Scheme we are improving flood defences in Marygate and Museum Gardens to meet current and future flood risk.

Marygate & Museum Gardens Scheme (B12) Briefing

Marygate Works

We have now completed all the flood defence works in this area, better protecting 57 properties. We've increased the height of the existing flood wall from Scarborough bridge to Museum gardens. This includes new flood gates and glass panels along Earlsborough Terrace and Esplanade Court, a new flood gate near Scarborough Bridge and new demountable panels for the Marygate flood gate. The flood gates have been tested and perform successfully against stringent Environment Agency standards.

We want to thank everyone who has been impacted by our construction works for their patience and understanding whilst our contractors have worked to better protect this area from flooding.



Figure. 1. Installed Glass Panels at Earlsborough Terrace

Museum Gardens

Earthworks in the Museum Gardens have now been completed. We have increased the embankment to the same height as the flood wall along Marygate and have extended it to the east. Our works here include the terracing of the embankment adjacent to the Hospitium.



Figure. 2. Shrubs ready for planting around the Serpentine Path

We have now started on our landscaping works. The embankment has been hydroseeded, and our landscaping contractors are now on-site undertaking ground preparation works. Planting around the serpentine path and on the terraced section of the embankment will take place throughout July. We will be monitoring and maintaining the seeded and planted sections throughout the Summer to make sure that they have been fully established.

Our landscapers will return to the Museum Gardens during the next tree planting season towards the end of the year to undertake further planting, including a number of rare tree species.

We are continuing to work closely with Yorkshire Museums Trust, our construction, and landscaping contractors to ensure that the Museum Gardens is returned to the much-loved green space that those who live in and visit York enjoy.

How can I contact the Environment Agency?

If you have any questions or require further details regarding this scheme or any of our other schemes in the city please get in touch with the Environment Agency project team at yorkfloodplan@environment-agency.gov.uk or phone our Customer Service Line on 03708 506506 quoting reference 'Marygate Flood Scheme, York'.

If you have any queries specific to the construction works, please contact our contractor Bam Nuttall by emailing Brian.Hall@bam.com or calling 07423 694783 9am – 5pm Monday – Friday.

We also post regular updates and information regarding road/path/cycle closures on our social media pages. Please follow us on Facebook (www.Facebook.com/YorkFAS) or Twitter (@EnvAgencyYNE)

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