

River Thames – river restriction

Culham Lock

**Tuesday 1 September to Friday 2 October 2020 –
Mondays to Fridays 9am to 5pm**

Culham Lock Cut Bridge Repairs

Directions for navigation and general information during this event:

- The lock cut bridge at Culham is a vitally important road crossing for the local area connecting the busy A415 with the B4016. The Environment Agency owns this major road crossing as it was constructed when the lock cut was dug. Surveys have highlighted that the bridge abutments are in need of repair works as water is ingressing and washing out material from the abutments. If left without repair this would eventually weaken the bridge structure and lead to collapse.
- In order to repair the abutments, divers will be working under the water to construct shuttering around the bridge abutments. Once the shuttering is complete a special grout will be poured in behind it to fill any voids and prevent any further ingress of water. In order to construct the shuttering under the water the divers need a good level of visibility, therefore it is not possible to carry out these works during the winter months.
- As the bridge is very narrow it will not be possible for boats to pass whilst the divers are working in the water. Due to the nature of the works the divers will be moving in and out of the water during working hours. Whenever there are no divers in the water it will be possible for boats to pass as directed by the site team. The works will be carried out in such a way to minimise disruption to boats but at times there may be long delays to passage through Culham Lock. If you need swift passage through Culham Lock on Mondays to Fridays during this period please plan to passage before 9am or after 5pm. There will be no works on the weekends and therefore passage will be unrestricted on Saturdays and Sundays.

We apologise for any inconvenience these works cause and thank you for your patience during this time.

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