

# River Thames lock closures

## Investment programme November 2024 to March 2025

### Issue 1

**13 September 2024**

Listed below are the locks that will be closed or have restrictions to navigation in place during the 2024 / 2025 investment programme. Any locks listed as closed will have the closure in effect from the first date listed and will re-open on the day after the final date.

| Date                                | Location               | Work being carried out                          | Canoe portage with care during closure |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| 27 November 2024 - 16 December 2024 | <b>Buscot Lock</b>     | Replacement of anchor blocks and collar straps. | Yes                                    |
| 27 November 2024 - 3 January 2025   | <b>Whitchurch Lock</b> | Replacement of anchor blocks and collar straps. | Yes                                    |
| 3 January 2025 - 3 February 2025    | <b>Sonning Lock</b>    | Replacement of anchor blocks and collar straps. | Yes                                    |
| 31 January 2025 - 7 March 2025      | <b>Marlow Lock</b>     | Replacement of anchor blocks and collar straps. | Yes                                    |
| 10 March 2025 - 1 April 2025        | <b>Romney Lock</b>     | Replacement of anchor blocks and collar straps. | Yes                                    |

Please note, stated closure dates are subject to our contractors and may be adjusted on competing priorities. We will update closure notices in all cases to ensure customers have at least 10 days before works commence.

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## Other major works

We will also be carrying out other major works on the non-tidal River Thames during the 2024 / 2025 financial year. These will aim to further improve all river users experience while on the non-tidal River Thames. These works are not expected to have an impact on the navigation. Please see below for details.

**Boveney and Shiplake Locks pump-out and Elsan replacement** - Refurbishing the existing pump-out and Elsan facilities at Boveney and Shiplake Locks. This project will also aim to be the standard for pump-outs and Elsans across the non-tidal River Thames.

**Hydraulic upgrade project** - Investigations and surveys to prepare for the delivery of lock upgrades next year. The outcomes of these investigations and surveys will inform decisions we make to ensure our locks are future proofed and standardised across the Thames.

**Teddington Launch Lock** - Refurbishment of Teddington Launch Lock following the emergency closure. Alternative access for this site is provided via the barge lock.

**River Thames bridges** - Several projects are ongoing this financial year to survey, repair and refurbish bridges along the non-tidal River Thames. This will not have an impact on navigation over winter. This project is aiming to inform larger work for the next financial year.

**Public safety** - This year we have been focusing on completing the works to improve public safety at our lock sites and other areas we own along the non-tidal River Thames. This is due to be completed before the winter and have no impact on the navigation.

**Benson Weir refurbishment project** - Weir B has been fully replaced and work has now begun on the fish pass. The project is due to be completed by October 2025 and will have little to no impact on the navigation.

**Chertsey Lock** - Works have been completed to ensure the asset is in good and safe working condition until the project to address the larger issue on site can be delivered in 2025.

**Bell Weir weir refurbishment project** - Investigations, surveys and preparation to begin the refurbishment of Bell Weir's weir structure. There will be no activity on site this financial year that will impact the navigation or the flood risk activities on site. This is due to begin next financial year and will be completed by October 2026.

## Keep up to date

We send our River Thames investment programme to you as early as possible to help you plan your cruising over the winter. However, this programme is subject to change - for the most up to date version, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/river-thames-restrictions-and-closures>.

We also send email updates on River Thames closures and restrictions. To subscribe to this service please email [riverthames@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:riverthames@environment-agency.gov.uk).

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