

Upper Medway Navigation

Notice to Mariners 11 of 2020: Capital Works on the Upper Medway Navigation

October 2020 to March 2021

Beginning in October 2020 the Environment Agency will begin work on a £2.5million capital investment programme on the Upper Medway Navigation to improve the facilities and services for our river users and deliver a safer navigation, this unfortunately will mean closures and disruptions of several of our sites over the upcoming months.

Please read the closure dates and details below carefully.

Sites that will be closed -

	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21
Allington Lock						
Oak Weir Lock						
Sluice Weir Lock						
East Lock						
Porters Lock						
Eldridges Lock						
Allington Lock Boaters Facility						

Allington Lock <i>Mid November 2020 – 19th March 2020</i>	Installation of new stoplog grooves, general cleaning & remedial works in the lock chamber, full refurbishment of all lock gates, installation of new paddles, hydraulic system, traffic lights and kiosks.
Oak Weir Lock Sluice Weir Lock <i>October 2020 – February 2021</i>	Major refurbishment including lock gates reskinning, decking replacement and remedial works.
East Lock Porters Lock Eldridges Lock <i>Mid November 2020 – January 2021</i>	Lock gates reskinning, decking replacement and minor remedial works.
Allington Lock Boaters Facility <i>Mid November 2020 – 19th March 2021</i>	Full refurbishment of the boating facility to install a new and modern bathroom and a new and modern accessible bathroom. Installation of a new pump-out equipped with contactless payment and waste disposal.

Other works, not involving closures;

<p>Allington Lock New Pontoon, Moorings and Staithe <i>Spring 2021</i></p>	<p>Construction of a new 75m long landing stage upstream of the lock chamber, a new 40m long floating landing stage with a canoe portage downstream of the lock on the left bank, and a new 20m long staithe on the downstream end of the lock island.</p> <p>The scheme will take place in Spring 2021. Access to the lock will be possible throughout these works.</p>
<p>Tonbridge Town lock Boating Facility <i>November 2020 – March 2021</i></p>	<p>New wash & toilet facilities for river users.</p>
<p>Sluice Weir <i>12th October 2020 – 3rd December 2020</i></p>	<p>Inspect and repair the sluice displacer chambers, displace chamber maintenance and valve replacement.</p>
<p>Anchor Sluice <i>4th December 2020 – 3rd March 2021</i></p>	<p>Inspect and repair the sluice displacer chambers, displace chamber maintenance and valve replacement. Access to Tea-Pot Island will be maintained throughout the works.</p>
<p>Allington Sluice <i>Spring 2021</i></p>	<p>Replace the drive equipment and telemetry system</p>
<p>Hampstead Sluice <i>November 2020 – March 2021</i></p>	<p>Inspection of the sluice and works to make the structure safe.</p>
<p>Medway Desilting Programme <i>March / April 2021</i></p>	<p>Various locations along the Upper Medway Navigation. Major desilting works along the river to improve navigability.</p>
<p>Canoe / Fish Pass Repair Programme <i>Mid November 2020 – 19th March 2021</i></p>	<p>Refurbishment at Teston, Sluice Weir, Oak Weir & East Lock.</p>
<p>Bathymetric Survey <i>Mid November 2020 – 19th March 2021</i></p>	<p>Bathymetric survey of the Upper Medway Navigation to provide a detailed map of river depth.</p>
<p>Tree Management Schedule of works <i>Winter 2020</i></p>	<p>Tree management schedule of works for the river Medway. The works will be undertaken during Winter 2020 and will reduce the potential navigation disruptions during the 2021 season.</p>
<p>Dive Inspections</p>	<p>Dive inspections to all navigation structures along the Upper Medway Navigation (locks, weirs, and sluices). The inspections will inform about the condition of the assets which will allow the Environment Agency to programme remedial and improvement works.</p>

Updates on all proposed closures will be communicated via our website and notice to mariners. Pen lowering will be required for some of the works.

The Environment Agency's Upper Medway Navigation capital investment programme is subject to change, the most up-to-date schedule of works can be found at www.allingtonlock.co.uk.

Boaters can subscribe to Notice to Mariners updates including closures and restrictions by contacting allington.lock@environment-agency.gov.uk

Boat registration fees contribute towards the cost of maintenance, but do not cover major refurbishments or replacement works. The Environment Agency receives government funding, which it invests very carefully to ensure maximum value for money for the taxpayer.

Yours sincerely



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