

River Thames lock closures

Investment programme
November 2017 to March 2018



Please note the text I have highlighted.
Does it compare with the way the upper reaches are treated? Alan Hill

Dear boater,

The Environment Agency is investing £1.4 million this winter, as part of its usual annual programme of essential works to maintain key navigation structures along **the nationally important and globally iconic River Thames.**

This investment is needed to replace or keep maintained 45 River Thames locks, their associated structures, and towpath bridges in reliable condition for the continued safe enjoyment by boaters and all visitors.

The River Thames flows through the 45 lock sites from its source point just above Lechlade, Gloucestershire via Oxford, Reading, Maidenhead, Windsor onwards past Hampton Court to Teddington Lock after which it continues its journey towards London and the Estuary to the North Sea and English Channel.

Listed below are the locks that will be closed during the 2017 to 2018 investment programme. The locks will be closed from the first date listed and will re-open on the day after the final date.

Shifford Lock

30 October 2017 to 16 January 2018
Re-sheeting lock gates

Clifton Lock

2 January 2018 to 23 March 2018
Re-sheeting lock gates

Blakes Lock

30 October 2017 to 23 March 2018
Repairing and re-sheeting lock gates, refurbishing lock chamber walls, replacing rubbing timbers and general repairs to the lock site area.

Bell Weir Lock

30 October 2017 to 15 December 2017
Replacing lock chamber rubbing timbers

Molesey Lock

30 October 2017 to 1 January 2018
Re-sheeting lock gates

Teddington Lock (barge)

1 January 2018 to 23 March 2018
Re-sheeting lock gates

We send our 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 see www.gov.uk/river-thames-conditions-closures-restrictions-and-lock-closures, where you will also find the information displayed on a map.

We also send email updates on River Thames closures and restrictions, to subscribe to this service email riverthames@environment-agency.gov.uk.

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