

River Thames – lock and river restrictions

Iffley Reach, Sandford Lock, Abingdon Lock, Marsh Lock, Hambleden Lock, Bell Weir Lock, Cookham Lock, Sunbury Lock and Teddington Lock

Monday 20 April 2020 until further notice

Actions resulting from Government Restrictions Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Directions for navigation and general information during these restrictions:

- The government has put in place restrictions across the whole of the United Kingdom to slow the spread of Coronavirus, protect the NHS and save lives. The restrictions aim to minimise contact to slow the spread and in line with this we have switched powered locks along the non-tidal Thames to hand-wind self-service only to protect our staff and river users. The restrictions also aim to stop all non-essential travel in any event and so it is not expected that there will be many, if any, movements during this time.
- A transit van has sunk mid-channel approximately 150 metres upstream of Folly Bridge in the Iffley reach. Sandford and Abingdon Locks have been damaged through boater user error. Marsh Lock has a tree blocking vessel passage. Sunbury Lock has a sunken boat in the main channel above the lock cut. Passage is not possible through these locks. As soon as our Operations teams are able to recommence their activities, these locks and reaches will be reopened.
- Hambleden, Cookham, Bell Weir and Teddington Locks do not have suitable hand-wind functionality. Passage through these locks is by prior arrangement and on an exceptional basis only. This can be sought using the email address or phone number below however there may be considerable delays in facilitating requests. If you need to use these locks and feel your journey is essential and in line with the current government restrictions please email us at WaterwaysThames@environment-agency.gov.uk or telephone 03708 506 506 Please note: this email inbox is monitored during normal business hours from Monday to Friday. It is not monitored at weekends.

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Harbour Master
20 April 2020

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