

## River Thames – lock restrictions

### Marsh Lock, Hambleden Lock, Bell Weir Lock, Cookham Lock and Teddington Lock

**Monday 6 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 to 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.
- Marsh Lock has a tree blocking vessel passage. This will be removed as soon as our operations teams are able to recommence their activities.
- 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](mailto: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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