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## ANT Navigation Status Warning

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Following five months of flooding which included four severe flood events the river has been hit hard.

Following such prolonged and severe flooding the navigation has been significantly affected.

Our teams are currently accessing the condition of our structures and the navigation which is ongoing and being hampered by even more flooding, but the list of issues so far are as below.

**Binton Bridge** – Closed due to bridge repairs carried out by the highway authority. Opening date 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**Barton Lock** - Partially blocked with debris so we advise that it is unsafe to operate and navigate.

**Harvington Lock** – One bottom gate has failed so only passable by narrow beam boat.

**Evesham Lock** – Top waiting mooring (Weir Barrier) blocked with large tree debris and unusable so we advise that it is unsafe to navigate downstream through lock.

**Pershore Lock** – Blocked by debris and silt so impassable.

**Nafford Lock** – Lock blocked by debris and silt so impassable.

**Tewkesbury Lock** – Due to damage caused by submersion of the control panel the lock was inoperable, however following significant work by our contractors to rebuild the panel the lock became operable as of 08/03/24.

**All Lock sides and moorings** are covered with silt and debris and are unsafe to use.

Parts of the navigation channel may have large debris and be silted up so potentially unsafe to navigate.

**Evesham pump out unit** is currently inoperable due to damage caused by submersion.

**Pershore pump out unit** was currently inoperable due to damage caused by submersion however our contractors have refurbished this and it become operable as of 15/03/24.

We strongly advise that **safe navigation is not currently possible**. If you must navigate for some reason before you set off please ring **0300 999 2010** to check the latest state of the navigation and log your passage.

In the coming weeks our teams, volunteers and contractors will be working through the post flood recovery works as well as continuing to assess the navigation.

We will issue updates as the situation changes.

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