

## **ANT Navigation Status Warning**

### **Update 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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

Our teams are currently accessing the condition of our structures and the navigation and working through the issues, an update is as below.

**Binton Bridge** – Closed due to bridge repairs carried out by the highway authority.  
**UPDATE. Fully opened without restriction Wednesday 24/04/24.**

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

**UPDATE. We managed to access the site and cleared the lock and entrances and the lock is navigable as of Wednesday 17/04/24.**

**Harvington Lock** – One bottom gate has failed so only passable by boats with a maximum beam of 11 feet.

**UPDATE. Damaged gate is now strapped closed. Dredging of the lock to allow an underwater survey is planned for week commencing 29/04/24.**

**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.

**UPDATE. Top waiting mooring of 70 feet in length has been cleared. Warning the rest of the barrier and boom remain covered with debris. We are waiting instruction from the EA.**

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

**UPDATE. This was cleared and the lock is operable as of Tuesday 23/04/24.**

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

**UPDATE. This was cleared Wednesday 23/04/24 and is passable with care. There are shallows above the lock so care should be taken when navigating.**

**Tewkesbury Lock** – Due to damage caused by submersion of the control panel the lock was inoperable.

**UPDATE. 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.

**UPDATE. We are working through the sites. We have cleared 11 of our 17 lock sites so far with Pershore, Wyre, Offenham, Harvington, Weir Brake and Stratford Trinity yet to be cleared.**

**Lock gates and paddle gear may be heavy due to the effect of the floods.**

**Parts of the navigation channel** - may have large debris, submerged hazards and be silted so care should be taken when navigating.

**UPDATE. We have surveyed the river and checked for obvious hazards however care still should be taken when navigating. Any major hazards we will issue separate warnings about.**

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

**UPDATE. Our contractors have rebuilt the pump out and it is now fully operable.**

**Pershore pump out unit** - Currently inoperable due to damage caused by submersion.

**UPDATE. Our contractors have refurbished this and it became operable as of 15/03/24.**

**We advise that safe navigation is possible with care. If you wish to navigate we recommend that 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 continue to work through the post flood recover works as well as continuing to assess the navigation.

We will issue updates as the situation changes.