

# NAVIGATION RESTRICTION NOTICE



## RIVER GREAT OUSE

**DATE: Friday 19 July – Monday 22 July 2024**

**LOCATION: Bedford**

### DETAILS:

Please be aware navigation may be restricted for short periods of up to 30 minutes in the Bedford area in the run up to, throughout and after the Bedford River Festival being held 19 – 22 July 2024.

This will be to allow boat processions, parades, and demonstrations to take place and also control river traffic entering and leaving the area via Bedford Town Lock on the Friday (19 July) before and Monday (22nd July) after the event.

Please follow any instructions given by Environment Agency or Festival Officials and Marshalls on site. Whilst navigation will still be possible for most of the time, please approach the area with more caution than normal and expect short delays at the site and localised locks close to Bedford.

The Environment Agency (Anglian Waterways) has a legal duty to maintain navigation however with events such as the Bedford River Festival our paramount concern is for the safety, security, and welfare of all water users. We thank you for your understanding.

For any other information please contact the River Festival Organisers: [events@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:events@bedford.gov.uk) or River Inspector, Andy Hubble on 07717 423512 (between office hours Monday-Friday 08:30-16:30)

**This replaces the full closure notice issued on 26 June 2024.**

**Katherine Briscoombe**

**Waterways Manager**

**09 July 2024**

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