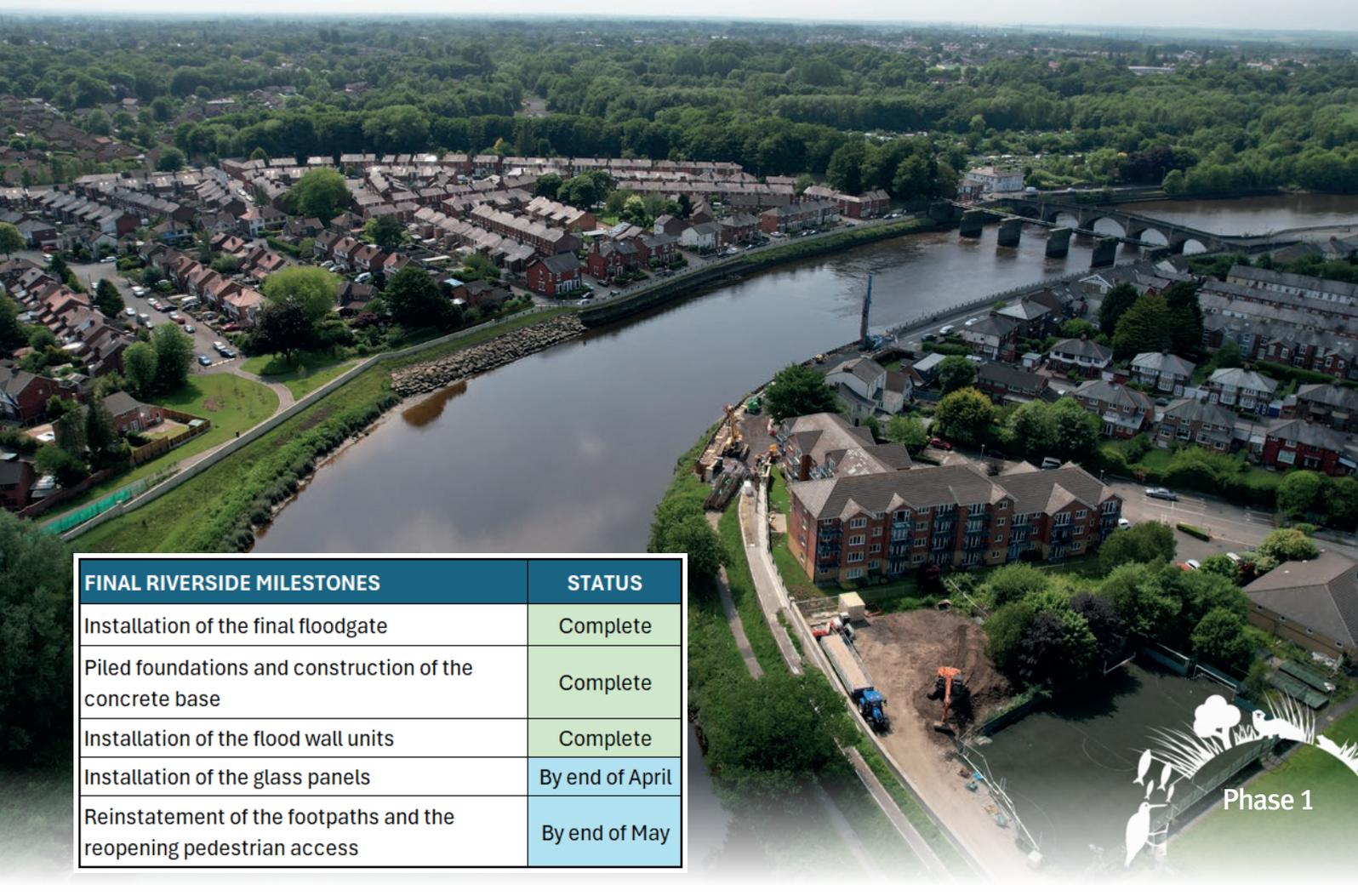


Winter/Spring 2026

PRESTON & SOUTH RIBBLE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME NEWSLETTER



Final section of the flood defences nearing completion



| FINAL RIVERSIDE MILESTONES | STATUS |
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| Installation of the final floodgate | Complete |
| Piled foundations and construction of the concrete base | Complete |
| Installation of the flood wall units | Complete |
| Installation of the glass panels | By end of April |
| Reinstatement of the footpaths and the reopening pedestrian access | By end of May |



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RIVERSIDE

The remaining work on the Flood Risk Management Scheme is confined to the area between Ribble Cottage and the New Continental. The piled foundations are now complete, and we have installed the flood walls. At the end of March, we will start to lift the final glass panels into position and Riverside will be officially 'watertight'.

The final floodgate, near Ribble Cottage was installed at the beginning of February and has been successfully 'wet tested' to confirm it will hold back flood waters. Riverside now has four floodgates, which will be closed by the Environment Agency in the event of a flood warning being issued.

We have begun removing the temporary steel sheet piles along the riverbank. Some of the rock bags that supported the bank during construction are also being taken out. The lower-level rock bags will

remain in place to help prevent erosion. Over time, vegetation will grow on them, so they will blend naturally into the landscape.



Flood wall units installed



Floodgate near Ribble Cottage



Crane lifts the wall units behind BAC/EE into position



Completed defences at Miller Garden Apartments and reinstated patio



Bollards partially installed in front of Miller Garden Apartments

Miller Garden Apartments

One of the final activities at Miller Gardens has been the installation of demountable traffic bollards. The bollards are designed to restrict vehicles from accessing the pedestrian footpaths leading down to the Miller Park entrance, but they can be removed if required. Reinstatement of the carriageway will also be carried out.

BAC/EE Social & Sports Association

The last section of flood wall at the rear of BAC/EE's grounds now connects to the floodgate pillars near Ribble Cottage. Remaining activities at the club include installing fencing, and reinstating the football and cricket pitches.

The temporary road that ran from the club's carpark into Miller Gardens Apartments was removed in December 2025. This has allowed us to start work on the cricket outfield, which includes repairing drainage and laying new turf. We anticipate the cricket pitch will be ready for the start of the season in April 2026.

The second temporary road, which runs from the club's entrance towards the New Continental's carpark, will be removed in May 2026, after which the football pitches will be reinstated. We will also be reinstating the multi-use games area.

Demobilisation of the construction team from its office within the BAC/EE clubhouse is expected by the end of June 2026.



Removal of the temporary road outside BAC/EE's clubhouse

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