

Radcliffe and Redvales Flood Risk Management Scheme Newsletter

August 2026

Community Drop-In Event
Date – Wednesday 9th September 3pm – 7pm
Location – Age Concern Community House - Dumers Lane
Community Centre, 245 Dumers Lane, Radcliffe, M26 2GN

The majority of the Radcliffe and Redvales FRMS (Phases 1 and 2) is complete, and the community is benefitting from a much-increased standard of protection against flooding compared to 2015. The remaining works, Phase 3, comprise of the installation of flood gates across Hardy's Gate Bridge and Natural Flood Management (NFM) in the upper catchment. The flood gates alongside the NFM will increase the current standard of protection for the community and will increase resilience to climate change.

Phase 3 – Hardy's Gate Bridge Flood Gates

Electricity North West (ENW) have recently been continuing to work on a major upgrade of the existing electricity cables that is necessary before the flood gates project is able to start.

We have been working closely with ENW and our partners, Bury Council, to confirm the phases of work going forwards, leading into the start of the EA's flood gates scheme.

At this stage, we are anticipating the next phases will proceed as follows:

- Short duration trial excavation works by the EA's contractor, AE Yates Ltd, in mid-August to establish all other specific service locations.
- ENW will be returning to site in September for approx. 4 weeks, to complete the final phase of their work (this has been subject to a lead-in period for specialist parts).
- From October 2026 onwards, AE Yates intend to commence the approx. 7 month flood gates construction and testing programme at Hardy's Gate Bridge on behalf of the EA.

An indicative visualisation of the south flood gates is shown in figure 1, on the next page.

Traffic Management

The Hardy's Gate Bridge flood gates work will require traffic management for the majority of the estimated 7 month construction duration.

A Traffic Management Plan has been shared with Bury Council, and this will involve four-way control, from Dumers Lane (both directions), York Street and Gate Lane. Unfortunately, this is necessary to allow our contractor to be able to work safely for construction of the flood gate foundations, which run across the full road width, both north and south of the bridge.

The traffic management will be monitored throughout the construction phase, to try and ensure the best possible timings and sequencing are achieved. We understand that travel times for the local community will be impacted and apologise for this upcoming disruption. We are grateful for your patience whilst we undertake this important work.

An outline plan of the intended traffic management is shown in figure 2 below.

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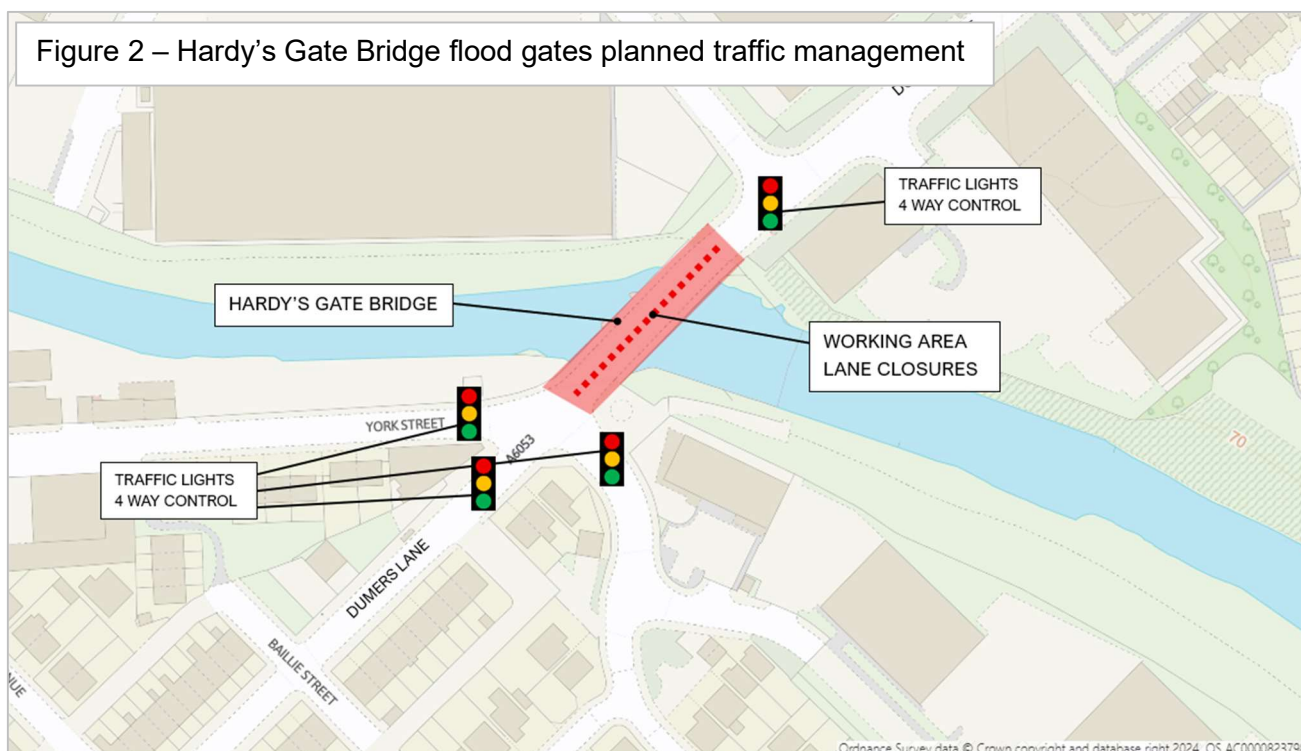
incident hotline
0800 80 70 60

floodline
03459 88 11 88

Figure 1 – Indicative visualisation of the south flood gates (AI generated)



Figure 2 – Hardy's Gate Bridge flood gates planned traffic management



Operational Procedures Post-Completion

We are working closely with Bury Council, to finalise the operational procedures for deploying the gates (only when necessary). In the event of severe weather causing a very high river level, this would require a pre-planned road closure to be implemented by the Council, both to protect the safety of road users and allow the flood gates to be closed by EA operatives. A diversion route would be put in place by the Council.

We expect to be able to share further details of these operational procedures with the public in future communications.

Phase 3 – Stanney Brook Natural Flood Management

The Environment Agency has supplemented the Radcliffe and Redvales scheme through Natural Flood Management (NFM) in the Irwell, Roch and Croal catchments. The final area of NFM for the project is along Stanney Brook, south-east of Rochdale. This comprises living 'leaky' dams, clay bunds, scrapes and a small section of channel realignment, which works by slowing down flow and increasing flood storage area along the Brook, prior to it joining the Roch. A contractor working for the EA, Ground Control Ltd, has now completed the majority of the works at Stanney Brook. In total, approximately 7,500 m³ of additional flood storage has been gained in the catchment. Photos of the NFM works are available on our Flood Hub page.

Community drop-ins

We have scheduled a community drop-in event for Hardy's Gate Bridge on **Wednesday 9th September 2026**, to be held at the **Dumers Lane Community Centre, 245 Dumers Lane, from 3pm to 7pm**.

This is to provide the opportunity for local residents and businesses to gain further details of the construction works, as well as ask questions of the project team.

If you would like further updates regarding this and future community drop-ins, please email: radclifferedvales.frms@environment-agency.gov.uk

How will we keep you updated and involve you

We will continue to produce newsletters and hold public drop-in sessions linked to key stages of the project. Please visit <https://thefloodhub.co.uk/radcliffeandredvalesfas/> for up-to-date project information or scan the QR code below.

If you would like more information about flood risk, you can email: FloodResilienceGMMC@environment-agency.gov.uk

Visit our website for further information: <https://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding>

Bury Council's website for flood risk information is: www.bury.gov.uk/flooding-advice

You can also follow the Environment Agency on X: @EnvAgencyNW

If you are outside the flood area and would like to be kept up to date with the Radcliffe and Redvales Flood Risk Management Scheme via email, please email radclifferedvales.frms@environment-agency.gov.uk to be added to the mailing list.



Flood Warnings

Once Phase 3 is complete, the flood warning areas will be updated again to reflect our latest understanding of flood risk in the community. If you are currently registered to receive a Flood Warning in this area you will be automatically transferred to the new Flood Warning Area which covers your property. This will ensure that you continue to receive future flood warnings which are relevant to you.

Please note that if you do receive a flood warning in the future it may now have a different name to what we have previously issued. If you would like further information on the new Flood Warning Area names, please email FloodResilienceGMMC@environment-agency.gov.uk

If you are not currently registered to receive Flood Warnings, please call Floodline on 0345 988 1188, or visit our website www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings. We will register your preferred contact details.