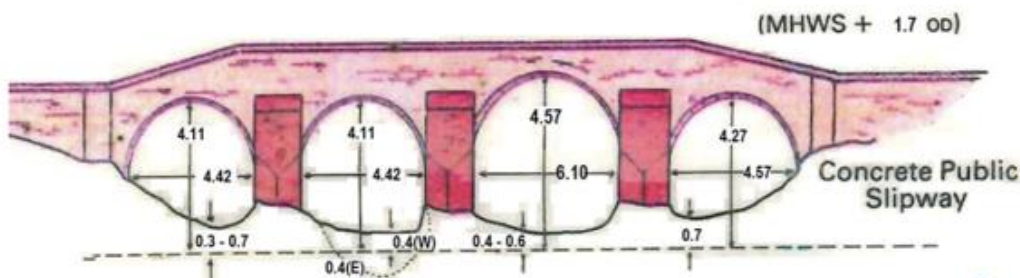


LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 07 of 2022

Navigation Restriction at Old Swan Bridge (Pulborough)

USERS OF THE RIVER ARUN ARE ADVISED that the Old Swan Bridge at Pulborough will be impassable to boats whilst West Sussex County Council are carrying out critical refurbishment and strengthening works between April and July 2022. West Sussex County Council's contractors will be using a floating pontoon and underhanging scaffolding which will dramatically reduce overhead clearance.

Whilst underhanging scaffolding will not necessarily be in place at all times, there will be lengthy periods where all arches will be impassable to boats. **The bridge should therefore now be assumed to be impassable unless specifically confirmed otherwise.** Paddleboarders, canoes and kayaks should be largely unaffected throughout, but it is recommended they seek specific advice via the following contact details before committing to a trip.



Preparatory works commenced on the 21st March and arch strengthening begins on 12th April. Programmes for works on historic structures remain highly subject to change so it is not currently practicable to provide more specific timelines regarding periods of reduced overhead clearance. Works are expected to last 10 to 12 weeks overall so finish during late-June.

Any questions should be directed to Michael Taylor at West Sussex County Council via michael.taylor@westsussex.gov.uk or 01243 642105.

Whilst well outside the limits of the Littlehampton Statutory Harbour Authority area, this information and advice is being shared by Littlehampton Harbour Board on behalf of West Sussex County Council because some harbour users (as well as other users of the upper parts of the River Arun) routinely navigate this far up river. The closure to navigation by boats is on the combined authority of West Sussex County Council and the Environment Agency.

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Angling Clubs, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

This notice will remain in force until completion of the works (expected finish in June).

Harry Gregory
Littlehampton Harbour Master
6th April 2022