

River Thames – temporary river closure

Reading Bridge to Caversham Lock

**Monday 13 April 2015 – 20 minutes between
10:30 and 13:00**

Emergency water rescue exercise

Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service and Thames Valley Police are carrying out an emergency exercise on Monday 13 April 2015 between 10:30 and 13:00 in the area between Reading Bridge and Caversham Weir. The exercise has been organised to coincide with the Chief Fire Officers' Association, Drowning Prevention and Water Safety Week 13 to 19 April 2015. During the exercise rescue mannequins and fully trained fire service personnel will be rescued from various positions around Reading Bridge and Caversham Weir.

We will have a patrol launch based upstream of Reading Bridge and lock keepers on duty at Caversham Lock. If you are navigating during this time you may be asked to wait for a period of up to 20 minutes before you are allowed upstream through the lock or downstream through Reading Bridge. This is to ensure the safety of both the fire service personnel and our River Thames users.

We apologise for any inconvenience this restriction causes and thank you for your patience during this time.

Andrew Graham
Harbourmaster
7 April 2015