



Dam strengthening works at Earlswood Lakes

Canal & River Trust, the national waterways and wellbeing charity, is half-way into a seven-month £1.6 million programme of improvements to the reservoirs at Earlswood. The works, which are required to ensure the reservoirs are compliant with reservoir legislation, include strengthening the core of the main dam along Valley Road to improve its resilience during flood events.

To allow the Canal & River Trust, and its engineering contractor Kier, to safely access the reservoirs and carry out the works, water levels have been temporarily lowered in all three pools, and some local roads and footpaths have been closed.

Ian Bogges, project manager for the Canal & River Trust, says: “It is important that the Trust does these statutory works, which are necessary by law under the Reservoirs Act, so that people can continue to use and enjoy the lakes and local waterways, for wildlife, recreation, health and wellbeing. Our aim is complete the works as efficiently and safely as possible.

“Although we’ve had to temporarily close some local roads and footpaths, as well as our Wood Lane car park, local businesses remain open throughout the works.

“We have experienced some delays to our construction programme, so unfortunately we’ve had to extend the closure period for some local roads, but we remain on track to complete the works by the beginning of November.

“The main Valley Road is due to reopen on 20 August, but the Malthouse Lane Causeway and Crest Road above the dam alongside Valley Road will remain closed until 15 October.

“We hope to be able to allow Windmill Pool, home of Earlswood Sailing Club, to refill with rain water from around the middle of August, and we remain committed to reopening local footpaths as soon as possible.”



Local businesses remain open:

- ACO Motors, Shutt Lane
- Ambleside Bistro & Garden Centre, Norton Lane
- Body Tech Solihull, Valley Road Estate
- Carworx Solihull, Valley Road
- Cherub Autos, Valley Road Estate
- Earlswood Dog Grooming, Umberslade Road
- Earlswood Lakes Craft Centre & Car Park (charges apply), Wood Lane
- Earlswood Stores & Post Office, Umberslade Road
- Five Star Repairs & Recovery, Valley Road Estate
- Manor House Tea Rooms, Wood Lane
- M Merrell, Valley Road Estate
- Russell Auto Wraps n Tints, Valley Road
- The Bulls Head, Limekiln Lane
- The Hungry Horse, Norton Lane
- The Red Lion, Lady Lane
- The Reservoir Inn, Earlswood Common
- Traffic Safety Management, Valley Road Estate
- Lady Lane Wharf, Lady Lane

Earlswood Community Impact Assessment Group

A new multi-agency partnership has been formed to look at solutions for key public concerns in Earlswood. Public agencies, including Warwickshire Police and local councils, as well as the Canal & River Trust and community representatives, will meet monthly to develop a range of options for tackling anti-social behaviour in the area. These options will be presented to the local residents and businesses of Earlswood for consultation before being taken forward. The first public meeting, which will be advertised locally, is planned to take place in early August.

To report a crime, anti-social behaviour, dangerous parking and speeding drivers, please call West Midlands Police on 101.

To report double yellow line parking, please call Warwickshire County Council on 01926 410410.

To report litter/fly tipping and night fishing, please call Canal & River Trust on **03030 404040** or email enquiries.westmidlands@canalrivertrust.org.uk



PSPO secured for Earlswood Lakes

Stratford-on-Avon District Council, working in partnership with statutory partners, including Warwickshire Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner and local councils, has implemented a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Earlswood Lakes, for three years from 1 May 2021.

The PSPO deals with a number of anti-social behaviour issues, including car cruising, loitering, alcohol consumption and the possession and consumption of psychoactive substances in the area. For more information, go to www.stratford.gov.uk



For more information about the works

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