

BARROW NAVIGATION

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ERNE SYSTEM

Crom: The fixed level timber public jetty at Crom on Upper Lough Erne will be replaced with floating moorings.

Routine maintenance activities to ensure that public facilities remain in a safe, user friendly condition will continue throughout the winter months.

GRAND CANAL

Locks 1-3 Main Line: Ancillary lock improvement works.

Sallins: Houseboat mooring, visitor jetty and new pumpout project.

The spring works program consists of routine maintenance activities, such as, repairs to canal embankments, towpaths, channel, locks, jetties, supplies and overflows where required.

LOWER BANN

Drumaheglis Marina & the Cutts: New partnership dredging contract with Ballymoney Borough Council to dredge Drumaheglis Marina and the Cutts navigation channel and lock chamber under a single contract. Contract period Mid Feb - 31 March.

Toome: Installation of new lock gates.

Toome: Provision of improved security measures at Toome Lock house to facilitate use by community-based group.

Toome Canal: Tree cutting along east bank.

Portna: Installation of new lock gates.

Portna: Completion of improvement works to campsite at lock to facilitate users of the Lower Bann Canoe Trail

Movanagher: Completion of new campsite at lock

Carnroe: Dewatering and inspection of lock.

Cutts: Dewatering and inspection of lock.

Carry out full navigation inspection with WI Inspectorate

Power washing of all jetties and lock areas

Initiate the provision of new WI interpretive signage along the navigation

ROYAL CANAL

Ongoing routine maintenance activities to canal towpaths, channel, locks, back drains, supplies and overflows

Ashtown to Castleknock: Towpath upgrade to cycle standard.

SHANNON-ERNE WATERWAY

Leitrim Village: Access improvement will commence in Feb 2014.

Ballinamore: Access improvement will commence in Feb 2014.

Tirmactiernan: Access improvement works are continuing at Lock 15.

Lock 6 Ballinamore: working to repair lock gates and leakages which will require a navigation closure between November 2013 and April 2014.

Canoe Trail: Working on improved waterway infrastructure for canoeists.

Angling: Works to replace the existing fishing stands at Coologe/Derrycassan are now completed.

Walks: Working on improving walking route between Lock 9 Kilclare and Leitrim Village.

Navigation: Cutting of bushes and shrubs along various stretches is ongoing between December 2013 and February 2014.

SHANNON NAVIGATION

Works continued on the Shannon to maintain amenity areas, service blocks, navigation markers and locks over the winter period.

As normal for the winter season, there was trimming back of vegetation overgrowth in various areas along the system but mainly along the Lough Allen canal, the Boyle Canal, Battlebridge Lock, Ballinasloe, Gilloge Lock, Victoria Lock and Clonlara.

Lough Allen Canal:

Maintenance works were carried out to strengthen towpaths along sections of the Lough Allen Canal.

Acres Lake: Capital works continued with completion of the new access ramp and steel support structure following replacement of the jetties at the beginning of the season.

Blackwater River & Errina/Plassy Canal: Strengthening works were carried out on the embankments between the river and canal. Numerous storm felled trees were removed from the Blackwater River.

Carrick-on-Shannon & Battlebridge Lock: Quay walls repaired and repointed to reduce leakage.

In Spring/Summer of 2014 it is hoped to progress canoe trails on the Lough Allan Canal and on the Camlin River near Clondra. Rural canal loop walks will be developed from Battlebridge to Drumleague and further to Drumhauver Bridge.

In Spring/Summer of 2014 it is hoped to carry out an upgrade to Connacht Harbour and to progress a scheme to revitalise the quay parking and frontage area on the Roscommon bank of the river near the bridge in Roosky.

SHANNON LOCK & BRIDGE TIMES

LOCKS & BRIDGES

Period	Weekdays	Sundays
Mar 14 - Apr 3	09.00-18.30	10.30-16.00
Apr 4 - Sept 25	09.00-20.30	09.00-18.00
Sept 26 - Nov 1	09.00-19.30	10.00-16.00
Nov 2 - Mar 13	09.00-12.30	10.00-12.30
<i>Lunch break 13.00-14.00</i>		

PORTUMNA BRIDGE

Period	Weekdays	Sundays
Mar 14 - Apr 3	09.45 11.00 12.30 14.30 16.30 17.30	11.00 12.30 14.30 16.00
April 4 - Sept 25	09.45, 11.00, 12.30 15.00, 17.30, 19.30	11.00, 12.30 15.00, 17.30
Sept 26 - Nov 1	09.45, 11.00, 12.30 15.00, 17.00, 18.30	11.00, 12.30 14.30, 16.00
Nov 2 - Mar 13	09.45, 11.00, 12.30	11.00, 12.00

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