

## BARROW NAVIGATION

1.7 km of the Barrow Line upstream of Rathangan has been dredged. Dredging has moved downstream of Spencer Bridge until St. Patrick's Day. 2.5 – 3km of improved navigation expected by the time the season opens.

**Vicarstown:** Repairs to Vicarstown Bridge have been complete and the canal is open again at that location.

**Ongoing maintenance work:** tree & bush cutting, litter removal etc.

## ERNE SYSTEM

**Galloon:** Floating moorings are to be installed at the existing destination at Galloon on Upper Lough Erne

**Knockninny:** Floating moorings are to be installed at the existing destination at Knockninny on Upper Lough Erne.

**Round O:** Environmental improvements along the shore line of the Round O public moorings in Enniskillen will be completed.

Buoy moorings for public use will be installed at various locations across the Erne System.

The routine maintenance programme will continue including repairs to jetties, power washing and maintaining the navigation marker system.

## GRAND CANAL

Routine maintenance activities, such as repairs to canal embankments, towpaths, locks, jetties, canal supply and overflow channels and structures

Commencement of canal channel weed-harvesting

## LOWER BANN NAVIGATION

**Toome:** Lock gate fabrication is underway.

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**Portna:** Lock gate fabrication is underway.

**Portna:** Tree cutting to commence.

**Portna:** Campsite works will be completed in partnership with ORNI.

Installation of information signage throughout length of navigation ongoing.

Fallen tree removal and bank side trimming will be completed at various locations along the navigation.

The routine maintenance programme will continue throughout the spring period including power washing of all facilities, jetty repairs and painting of lock gates.

## ROYAL CANAL.

**Portland Place:** Towpath & wall repairs, Level 1.

**Balroe:** Embankment repairs on 34th level, per MN122 of 2014.

General tree and hedge maintenance.

## SHANNON-ERNE WATERWAY

**Canoe Trail:** Works ongoing to improve waterway infrastructure for canoeists.

**Interpretative Panels:** Works ongoing to replace existing interpretative panels at various locations along the waterway.

**Towpath:** Upgrade works have commenced between Longstones Drain and Aghoo Bridge to provide an additional 1.7km of recreational trail adjacent to the waterway.

**Navigation:** Works ongoing to improve sight lines on the navigation by cutting hedges along channel sections between Lock 7 Ballyduff and the Erne System.

**Lock Gates:** Works have commenced at Lock 14 Drumduff to repair lock gates; this will require a lock closure from January to April 2015. Masters are advised to contact Waterways Ireland prior to their departure during this period for up to date information regarding navigational issues.

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

## SHANNON NAVIGATION

Along with the usual list of maintenance activities carried out to amenity areas, towpaths, service blocks, weirs and sluices, inspection and operation of moving gates and bridges are carried out for the 2015 season.

Notable capital and improvement works have been completed or continue on the following:

**Tarmonbarry:** Replacement of lock gates and ancillary works.

**Clondra Lock & Tarmonbarry:** Canoe stands at Clondra Lock and Tarmonbarry to complete the Camlin River Canoe Trail loop.

**Knockvicar:** Civil works planned to enhance the area fronting Clarendon Lock.

**Lough Allen Canal:** Upgrading of towpaths along canal for maintenance and to facilitate the development of the Shannon Blueway from Drumleague Lock to Battlebridge.

**Lough Allen Canal:** Cutting back vegetation to maintain navigation channel.

**Clondra Canal:** Cutting back vegetation to maintain navigation channel.

**Lough Allen:** Change of colour and numbering system has been extended to Lough Allen thus completing the numbering system for the Shannon Navigation.

**Blueway:** Design works for options to extend the Blueway concept towards Boyle/Lough Key and towards Roosky.

**Connaught Harbour:** Ongoing refurbishment to the existing harbour area, providing safe walkways and access to/from the water. Provide additional and improved amenity facilities and resurface existing access roads and improve and provide additional parking

**Killaloe to Parteen:** The maintenance of the navigation aids on the section of the navigation completed

**Lough Derg:** Painting of the red markers ongoing.

**Ballinasloe Harbour:** The installation of three electric power bollards has been completed.

**Lusmagh:** Repairs and improvements to the sluice decking in the New Cut, Shaughnessy, Lusmagh, completed.

**Meelick:** Repairs to the sluice decking at Meelick.

**Clonlara:** Levelling banks and embankment repair works ongoing.

**Dromineer:** Replacing of fendering timbers around harbour to be carried out.

**Garrykennedy:** Maintenance on the breakwater to be carried out.

## 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

Lunch break 13.00-14.00

### PORTUMNA BRIDGE

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