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BOWSTON WEIR REMOVAL: IN-RIVER WORKS



A BOWSTON UPDATE

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In- river works started this week with heavy machinery accessing the river to commence the building of the rock rapid downstream of the weir. Silt curtains have been deployed as well as two sondes, one upstream and one downstream of the working area; these measure turbidity and other environmental parameters. A structural surveyor was on site last week to assess the condition of gabion baskets and the fish pass on the right banks. We are awaiting his report.

SCRT were alerted late Monday afternoon to an incident that occurred on site involving the introduction of fine silts into the river. Our contractors, Ebsford Environmental have self-reported this incident to the Environment Agency and there is currently an investigation underway. We will inform you of the results of this investigation in a following update.

In the meantime, we must state that SCRT cannot be more disappointed about this avoidable incident and have been working alongside Ebsford to ensure that this cannot be repeated for the duration of this project.

On another note, the compound is an active construction site that is live monitored via 24-hour surveillance. We have had an incident with person/s accessing the site out of hours and the alarm being activated. Protection measures are in place for the safety and security of everyone and we kindly ask that everyone follow the footpath diversion in place and refrain from accessing the site directly.

South Cumbria Rivers Trust and Ebsford Environmental will be busy dealing with daily construction works. Please send any queries to admin@scrt.co.uk where they will be picked up and responded to within three working days.

We will continue to update all interested parties with new developments and relevant information as soon as possible, via e-mail and on our website.

Regards,

The SCRT Team

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Please contact us at admin@scrt.co.uk if you have any questions and we will do our best to answer them as soon as possible. All information and updates to date can be found on our website:

<https://scrt.co.uk/what-we-do/current-projects/bowston>