

The Environment Agency is working in partnership with Calderdale Council, ARUP and BAM to deliver the Copley Flood Alleviation Scheme. This update provides you with information about our progress on the scheme.

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### Copley FAS – Phase 1

Following completion of the Copley Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS) construction works, temporary fencing remains in place around the embankment while further finishing works are undertaken. This outstanding work includes a further stone-picking exercise and additional grass seeding in areas where establishment has not yet been successful.

It is proposed that the stone picking and the first grass cut are completed by the end of April, after which the additional grass seeding will take place.

In the meantime, the public right of way connecting Railway Terrace to the riverside footpath has now been reopened.

The main embankment is expected to remain closed until the end of the summer to allow these works to be completed and the vegetation to establish.

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### Copley FAS – Phase 2

A planning application has now been submitted to Calderdale Council for the second phase of the Copley Flood Alleviation Scheme.

The first phase, completed in 2025, focused on strengthening the existing flood embankment surrounding the village and improving drainage at the cricket pitch to help water disperse more quickly.

The second phase proposes further measures to reduce the flood risk in the area. This includes:

- Improved drainage at Copley Cricket Club, through the construction of a drainage swale and an outfall into the River Calder at the south-western corner of the cricket ground. These improvements are designed to prevent floodwater from passing through the existing railway embankment and affecting nearby properties.
- A new canal overflow spillway upstream of the village, which will lower the risk of the Calder & Hebble Navigation overtopping at Copley Lane during periods of heavy rainfall.

Subject to planning approval, work is expected to begin in 2027 and will take approximately 12-18 months to complete. As the work is located away from residential areas, we expect minimal impact on the surrounding community, other than routine deliveries of materials and equipment.

**The full planning application will be available on Calderdale Council's planning portal in the coming weeks.**

If you have any questions relating to the work at Copley, please contact us at:  
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