

Great Alne Parish Council – Project Progress Report

Project Name: CCCF023 - Flood Mitigation

Report Date: November 2025

1) Project Objectives:

This phase of the project will:

- Monitor the status of FLAG assets (Road Drains, Ditches, Culverts and Grills)
- Manage action plans for each FLAG asset as required
- Undertake exploration of future blockages/constrictions
- Monitor remedial works including: Road Drain clearing/ maintenance, Ditch clearing/ excavation, Culvert maintenance/ clearing and Grill management.
- Investigate the potential for independent Drain Clearance and Road Sweeping throughout the village.
- Report progress to **Great Alne Parish Council**

2) Progress against Plan:

Achievements this period:

- Limited communications continue with Statutory bodies, Landowners and other key organisations.
- Warwickshire County Council delivery team have rebuilt the open ditch alongside Pelham Lane and resurfaced the road between start of the ditch and the Haesler junction and have produced plans to clear the ditch on the 13/14 November.

WCC replaced a rotten drain grill on Henley Road (Coffee Pot Wood)

- No reported flooding across the Village.
- Alne Cote fields – No activity.
- No progress on the construction of NFMs on Manor Court Ditch due to funding restrictions – WWT to secure funding and permissions asap
- No works undertaken on Manor Court Ditch
- Requested drain clearance and road sweeping schedules from WCC – No dates yet but WCC acknowledged the request and informed GAPC that the work will be done in due course.
- Identified three potential companies to request RFPs for independent GAPC Drain Maintenance and Road Sweeping. (Potential 3year term) – GAPC will look to understand the WCC maintenance plans, create a schedule of works, and decide how to progress given no budget currently exists to fund independent maintenance.
- GAPC presented the Flood Mitigation Project story to the South Warwickshire Local Climate Engagement Programme – a gathering of c60 South Warwickshire Parish and Town Councils at Leamington Spa Town Hall. The presentations were well received and GAPC Flag team have been asked to engage with a number of other local Parish Councils.
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- Drain RAG Status as at:
10 October November: 118 GREEN, 0 AMBER, 0 RED.
10 November: 98 GREEN, 15 AMBER, 5 RED.

The decrease in Green Status is due to Autumnal leaf fall filling the drains.

GAPC have requested WCC to sweep the main roads and empty the drains as a matter of urgency.

- **Drain Guardians need to continue to clear their drains and review status.**
- Coffee Pot Wood – no direct action with EA and Woodland Trust this period.

- In October Great Alne experienced 83.8mm of rainfall, c132% of average rainfall for the month. On the 19 October 24.1mm of rain fell.

October will be the last month we can report rainfall as Mr. R McLone, the individual responsible for managing the GA weather station has moved from the area and taken the weather station with him. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr McLone for his input to the reporting over the last 2 years. His work helped build the relationship between River Levels, Rainfall and Highway flooding and encourage WCC to engage with the Parish on flood mitigation activities.

Actions not completed / deferred

- WWC Highways agreed works not completed – Pelham Lane Ditch – in Plan for this month
- Pelham Lane Ditch - not cleared by Farmer / Tree root not resolved
- WWT NFM activities, not commenced – waiting Landowner responses to proposals

3) Actions for Next Period:

Planned actions for next period:

- Continue with Drain and Ditch monitoring/reporting activities.
- FLAG volunteers clear drains as required.
- Manage Warwickshire County Council to understand and manage additional works and associated timescales
- Potentially contact Kinwarton PC to apportion costs for Subscan drainage works.
- Continue communication with the Farmers/Landowners to monitor progress and potential new initiatives.
- Continue engagement with WWT, Landowners and Farmers to progress discussions and delivery activities/planning Manor Court Ditch improvements.
- Support WWT in any future materials harvesting and NFM construction.
- Hold a FLAG meeting to celebrate success, update team on progress and next steps (before Christmas!)

4) Risks and Issues: