

Great Alne Parish Council – Project Progress Report

Project Name: CCCF023 - Flood Mitigation

Report Date: January 2026

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 planned to clear the ditch on the 13/14 November, however Storm Claudia caused postponement – awaiting new date from WCC.
- WCC attended the village on several occasions during December and January to perform emergency drain clearance works due to heavy rainfall.
- A new blocked culvert was identified as the cause of flooding in Spenal Lane, Appleby Junction and Henley Road (Memorial Hall) – The blockage was identified and reported to WCC by Conways during emergency clearance works in early December.
- Two occasions of flooding during December, both caused by severe rainfall and high river levels stopping MCD draining Henley Road drains. On the 18th December the village was cut off for a period as all 4 roads suffered flooding. However, water levels fell quickly to enable access to the village by the end of the day.
- The new grips on Henley Road enabled surface water to run off into Coffee Pot Wood.
- No progress on the construction of NFMs on Manor Court Ditch due to funding restrictions – WWT to secure funding and permissions asap. WWT representative is contactable. Need to contact WWT so identify new contact/personnel
- WCC completed Road Sweeping and Drain Clearance across the village during December, the removal of leaves etc from drains enabled the drainage system to work throughout Dec and Jan
- WCC have been requested to schedule future routine road sweeping and drain maintenance; post winter; post-harvest and post autumnal leaf fall. WCC have agreed to amend plans to ensure maximum benefits of the maintenance activity.
- 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 attended Henley In Arden Council Flood Parish Collaboration Group – a number of local parish councils who have a common interest in managing the flooding along the catchment area of the River Alne.

- **Drain RAG Status as at:**
7 Jan: **118 GREEN, 0 AMBER, 0 RED.**
- **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.
- No Rainfall records are being kept.

Actions not completed / deferred

- WWC Highways agreed works not completed – Pelham Lane Ditch – no planned date
- Pelham Lane Ditch - not cleared by Farmer / Tree root not resolved – Farmer contacted but no progress to date
- 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
- Contact Kinwarton PC to apportion costs for Subscan drainage works.
- Continue communication with the Farmers/Landowners to monitor progress and potential new initiatives.
- Recommence 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 plan next steps (Q1)

4) Risks and Issues: