

Great Alne Parish Council – Project Progress Report

Project Name: CCCF023 - Flood Mitigation

Report Date: September 10 2025

1) Project Objectives:

This phase of the project will:

- Maintain a database of all Road Drains, Ditches, Culverts and Grills throughout the Parish (FLAG assets)
- Monitor the status of FLAG assets
- Develop and monitor action plans for each FLAG asset
- Undertake exploration of future blockages/constrictions
- Monitor remedial works including
 - Road Drain clearing/ maintenance
 - Ditch clearing/ excavations
 - Culvert maintenance/ clearing and Grill management.
- Report progress to **Great Alne Parish Council**

2) Progress against Plan:

Achievements this period:

- Limited communications continue with Landowners and key organisations.
- Warwickshire County Council Delivery team completed multiple works during the period.
 - Junction of Spermal Lane and Nightingale Close re-levelled
 - Drains and Gullies renewed at junction of Appleby Drive and Spermal Lane,
 - New drain constructed opposite xxxxx cottage
 - Road Gullies cleared on Henley Road from Manor Court to Park Lane
 - Planning of further works during 2025/26 financial year (GAPC await the details of works) but include releveling open ditches to create required flows, the installation of new 600mm culvert across B4089 at Alne Cote S Bend and reconstruction of road drains and gullies in that area.
 - Repairing road drains along B4089 towards Grit Store.
 - Construction of new open ditches on the north side of the B4089
 - Marking future works (Spermal Lane, MHC, Alne Cote S Bend)
 - Creating run offs along Henley Road into the open ditch in Coffee Pot Wood
- No reported flooding across the Village.
- Alne Cote fields – No activity.
- Pelham Lane – First phase of work completed. 2nd Phase scheduled for September/October 2025
- 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
- No progress on the GAPC Drain Maintenance RFP this period. – GAPC will look to understand the routine maintenance plans for WCC and decide how to progress given no budget exists to fund independent maintenance.
- No further work undertaken on the presentational materials to be use in potential WALC meetings.
- **Drain RAG Status as at 10 Sept: 112 GREEN, 4 AMBER, 1 RED as per. However 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 July Great Alne experienced 56.1mm of rainfall, c99% of average monthly rainfall for July. On the 21 July 15.5mm of rain fell. July was a very dry month August figures were 14.0mm, 23% of the average, August was very dry month. There were no records of flooding during this period
- **Since the completion of the WCC works in March GA has not suffered the required rainfall to prove the effects of the remedial works**

Actions not completed / deferred

- WWC Highways agreed works not completed – Pelham Lane Ditch
- 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 the additional works to be completed 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.
- Receive feedback from Mr Bloor representatives to understand options for Woodland on Mr Bloor Land
- Support WWT in harvesting materials and support agreed NFM constructions.
- Continue correlation reporting between, Rainfall, River Levels and Flooding
- Hold a FLAG meeting to celebrate success, update team on progress and next steps

4) Risks and Issues:

Risks:

- Farmer/Landowners do not grant permission for works to be performed. This could impact overall delivery of the Project, and potentially our funding stream. Mitigation Actions – Engage with statutory bodies to influence/enforce delivery of the works.
- FLAG volunteers become disillusioned due to lack of engagement.