

DIG Report End August 2024

1. Harrow Area Flooding

We have written to Rosie Tunnard in early August. This letter refuted the Council's response that the Harrow/Warrendene area is properly maintained but was simply overwhelmed by exceptional rain that day in February.

We have requested a meeting to discuss works we consider necessary to improve the area's drainage.

2. Presentation to Flooding Response Select Committee

The DIG has been invited to present to the Bucks Council Select Committee on Flooding Response. Paulw will present on 23rd September the result of our experiences with local flooding events and the council's response to it.

3. Thames Water

Overpumping at the Surgery now is largely forgotten; all equipment is removed and a cleanup has been done. The field below the pumping station still looks a mess.

We are still pushing Thames Water for a solution to the Valley's sewage network issues. Some hope that!

4. Chiltern Society & the Hughenden Stream

Paulw and Sarah Mustapha attended the Chalk Stream Project workshop on 15th July on the subject of the Hughenden Stream Restoration Plan. This was held at Hughenden Manor. It involves re-working the Hughenden Stream from down in High Wycombe up as far as the pumping station. It is being driven by the Chiltern Society and Environment Agency and is fully funded, so will be a significant project.

On 23rd September there is a follow up workshop when a proposed list of alterations along the stream length will be agreed. At a future point a document containing proposed restoration options will be produced for public dissemination.

At some point the upper reaches of our stream (Pumping station to Warrendene Crossroads) will be surveyed also.

It is also understood that the Chalk Stream Project has been invited to work with Bucks Council on Natural Flood Management in Hughenden Valley.