

DIG Report End October 2024

1. Floods Meeting with Jilly Johnson

A meeting has been organised with Jilly Jordan, the Bucks Council Deputy Cabinet Member Environment and Climate Change. This will take place in the HVVH small hall on Tuesday 14th January at 7.30pm. This meeting will be for the HVRA committee plus residents that have been directly affected by the flooding near the Harrow and similarly affected residents in Bryants Bottom. These residents will be contacted by a leaflet drop.

It is anticipated that a further meeting will be held with a wider audience later to present potential NFM measures, as below. We are then hoping that any promised NFM work would be combined with improvements by Bucks Council to the drainage network.

The DIG are trying to get a meeting with Steve Broadbent, the Cabinet Member for Transport, but has been met with no response so far.

2. Natural Flood Management Work

Andrew Morsley's work has continued this month, this includes covering Bryants Bottom in his analysis. BB suffered bad flooding in 2018, but this continues to be a threat, mostly from field runoff.

Andrew has indicated that once he has completed his field work, he will develop the concept for natural flood management opportunities for Hughenden. He will then build a model to verify them. The plan then is to host an event in early 2025 for the local community to go through the opportunities and prioritise them.

3. Paper Submitted to Flood Response Committee

The committee findings report from the inquiry has been circulated to the DIG distribution and has been placed on the DIG website on the documents page for wider access.

4. Thames Water

I have done a chase up on Maisie Banks, our TW customer representative. She has confirmed that the analysis promised for a hydro-brake for Hughenden Valley is still very much ongoing. No promise of a date on that, which is less of a surprise.

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2 Dec 2024