

Flood Working/Action Group
Report for Parish Council Meeting – 02.03.26

NFM Project in the Slade

We are now at the stage of developing an outline scope for the work to be completed so that we can get contractors to submit estimates to complete it. We will be holding at least one session in the Slade to walk the site again specifically looking at where we could incorporate a herring bone arrangement of logs across some of the flatter area(s) of the reserve. This approach is seen to be more effective than just having a small number of dams on the brook. This meeting will involve our partner members from the Cherwell and Ray Catchment Partnership as well as the Slade Warden. We will be aiming to progress this in the next week or so.

Village Drains

There were no reports of blocked drains this month – and I would again push the recommendation to put any that are seen onto FixMyStreet. Similarly there have been no reported flooding incidents during the month, although there is still major pooling in fields around the village.

Flood Equipment

No further progress on this

Drain Line under Bloxham School Car Park

No further update on likely completion time.

Cherwell and Ray Catchment Partnership

We are continuing to use Partnership members for guidance on the Slade NFM project as noted above. We do not have any further updates on discussions with local landowners about using any suitable land they may have for natural flood management / water retention schemes. In addition, the report identifying possible locations for NFM projects (noted in last month's report) should be issued during March.

Broadsheet Article

A short article giving an overview and an update on flood management progress was published in the latest edition of the Bloxham Broadsheet.

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