

Kirkley Stream Newsletter – January 2017

Background

This newsletter is to update you on the Partnership's progress since the distribution of the September newsletter and inform you of the timescales involved for further work to reduce the risk of flooding in your local area.

Please refer to previous newsletters for background details to this matter. The Section 19 Flood Investigation and all reports can be viewed and downloaded from:

www.greensuffolk.org/SFRMP/FIR

Ongoing actions

The initial channel clearance undertaken in the autumn at Meadow Park and behind Long Road properties associated with the restoration of the flood storage area seems to be working well, with anecdotal evidence suggesting that the stream seems to be able to cope better during periods of heavy rainfall.

This week sees the start of a further 4 to 6 week programme of enhanced maintenance along the Kirkley Stream. This work is being undertaken by the East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board on behalf of Suffolk County Council and Anglian Water and will focus on clearing the channel downstream of the Bloodmoor roundabout, it will also create a working corridor to facilitate ongoing maintenance. Further maintenance work will be undertaken during this period to clear the highway attenuation ponds (that hold run-off from the road) and the channel on the east side of Tom Crisp Way.

Anglian Water are currently completing the installation of the new trash screen at the northern end of the Kirkley Stream. This has been designed to prevent the majority of blockages that can cause problems in high flows, and also allow safer access for teams to clear any blockages that do occur.

Consultation

Work to secure funds for the wider Lowestoft Flood Risk Project (dealing with tidal, river and surface water issues across the town) continues to progress, the latest stage is a consultation of the environmental impacts of the options that have been identified as the most likely to be taken forward. This consultation opens tomorrow until the 8th March, the relevant documents can be found at: www.lowestoffrmp.org.uk/latest-news/consultation/. We welcome your views.

Helpful contacts:

If you are concerned for your safety call the emergency services.

Anglian Water: 03457 145 145 (24-hour, 7 days a week) -

Suffolk County Council: 0345 606 6067 (office hours)
please report all flooding incidents or near misses via the online reporting tool: www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/report-a-flood-in-suffolk or email floods@suffolk.org.uk or call the number above.

Waveney District Council: 01502 527133 (emergencies); 01502 562111 (office hours)

Safer Neighbourhoods Team: 101 – please call if there is an incident during darkness and for safety reasons you require streetlights to be switched on.

Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit: 01502 523321 (office hours); contact via Waveney District Council in an emergency

Environment Agency Flood Line: 0345 988 188 (24-hour)

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