

Flood Action Group

1. Flood Response Plan was approved in December 2025 and had its first real trial run at the beginning of 2026.
2. Duck Street surface water issue was believed partly related to a blocked flap valve running from a pipe Berry Leas that manages surface water in the village – since investigation with the help of a village resident Duck St., culvert has been cleared and the valve removed and cleaned and CCTV revealed no blockage beneath the road nor in the pipes up and at Stocks Green. Ownership of the pipe is ongoing but possibly remain undetermined as this could be an historic landpipe but the drop is so minimal as it may be causing/worsening surface water in the street.
3. Following storm damage from end of 2024 and early 2025 the Flood Relief Channel by the Mill was repaired and will now form part of more robust maintenance schedule to facilitate flow of the river when in flood to ensure flood water can escape more rapidly.
4. Having signed up to the Environment Agency Lock Reversal programme it is evident that some of the subsequent flood water is not mirroring exactly what was seen in modelling at Elton. The lock reversal programme is ongoing with Titchmarsh/Wadenhoe planned for Autumn 2025 and Cotterstock/Yarwell for Winter 2025.
5. Inspection of the storm system running into the field next to the Pumping Station, again with the aid of a villager, CCTV has revealed no blockage or collapsed pipes, the pipes exiting at a property at the end of River Lane's garden and that this storm system in no way infiltrates directly into the foul water system. Now awaiting a full inspection by Anglian Water Complex Risk Team
6. Anglian Water has checked the sewage pumping station and all pipes from commercial premises in the village checked for Fats, Oil, and Grease and debris and these are all running clear.
7. To date all pipework in the village related to surface water runoff and foul water have been subject to CCTV, cleaning and maintenance as appropriate.
8. Ongoing work at The Island to facilitate improved flow to suppress reed growth and improve potential for silting. This has involved positive input from Elton Estates, Anglian Water, Nene River Trust, Forestry Commission and the Tenant Farmer and funding will hopefully be forthcoming to assist in reinstating a constant waterbody at the channel.

9. Middle St., ongoing surface water issue investigated by Cambridgeshire County Council and Anglian Water belief is this is related to historic spring system in the village and seeking to resolve this with a gully to remedy damage to road surface.
10. Pumping Station – vegetation removal.
11. Flood Kit successful bid for equipment from CCC moving forward seeking funding for a storage shed for the kit – this may come in the form of a grant from CCC but other funding sources are being sought.

Wildflowers/bio-diversity project

1. Bosworth's 'Re-wilding your Garden' on 3rd July in association with Elton Nature Recovery Group and the Wildlife Trust.
2. Wildlife Trust Rep visited in October 2025 to assess churchyard plans to manage only one area of the churchyard. In order to support the hard work already undertaken reducing the dominance of nettles on the north side to allow wildflowers already present within the soil to come through with less competition was only recommendation. Continue to work with Parochial Church Council with a view to applying for a Church Conservation Award as advocated by the Diocese of Ely.
3. Wildflower rewilding Highgate Green continuing via HDC and newly sown in Chapel Lane last week.
4. Trees- Back Lane permission for Crab apples to mirror current trees in village and native species to the UK – assessment of trees on village greens to assess overall health and condition and recommendations for remedial work
5. Ingrebourne Valley supported biodiversity in the village by sponsoring the manufacture of 10 swift boxes from villager's relative operating a Man Shed, which have now been put up in 5 locations – in addition to those already existing in the village.