

Spring Brief

Maintenance Activities of specific interest in your Parish:

Welcome to the first Environment Agency briefing note for Lockington Parish Council.

On an exceptionally cold day at the start of May (Tuesday 4th May) the EA started the channel clearance maintenance activity.

Before 22 April 2021

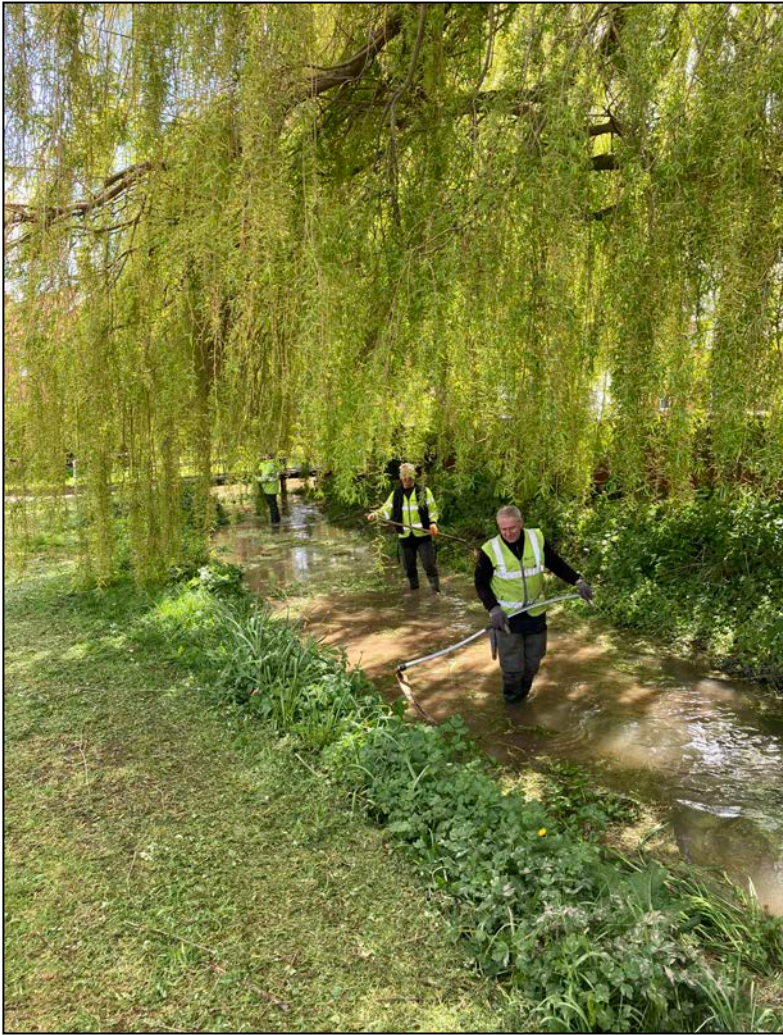


After 5th May 2021



The levels upon arrival were high due to the weed in the channel. The Field Operations Team used a variety of methods to clear out the channel – photo below 4th May 2021.





We had our weed excavator on site brought in by a tractor. However, it wasn't without its challenges, the tractor had proved to be a favourite spot for a bird to decide to nest. After careful removal and rehoming (no damage done!) our Field Operations Team were able to use the tractor once more.

The first pass along the beck was with the weed excavator.

The second pass was by hand, removing weed and pruning back overhanging branches of the big willow and surrounding vegetation.

Finally the team took the weed away 13th May.

The job took around a week to complete and the result is the water levels in Bryan Mills Beck have been lowered a good 40cm. There is now improved conveyance and increased capacity within the channel.

