



Flooding in Copythorne Parish

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- Overview of Flooding in Copythorne Parish
- Riparian responsibilities
- What have we been doing to help?



Shepherds Road Jan 2025

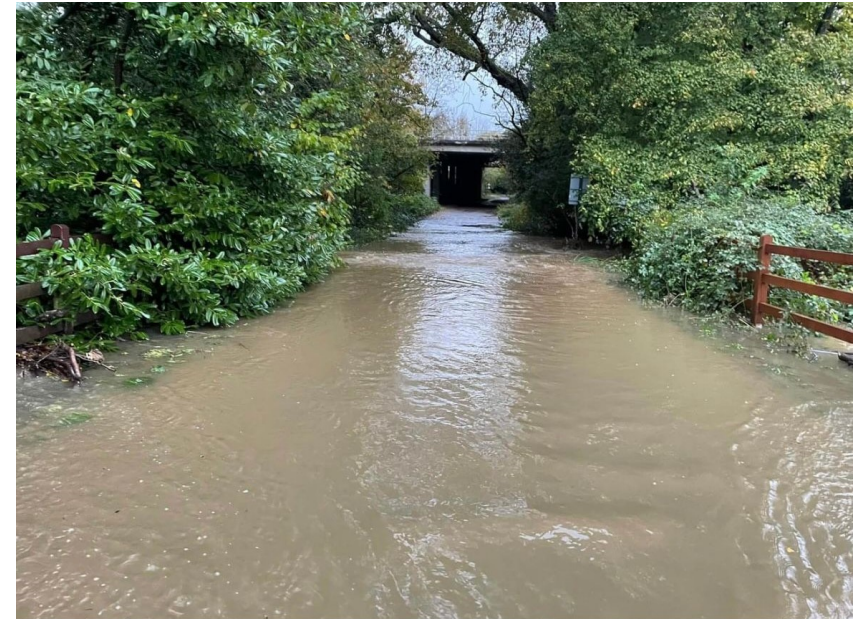
Flooding Advisory Committee

- **Aim**

- To advise, oversee and make **recommendations** to the Council on flooding issues within the Parish of Copythorne, working in conjunction with the appropriate **authorities** to identify and mitigate flooding issues.

Causes of Flooding

- **River** (or fluvial) flooding: during and after **intense or prolonged rainfall**, a river channel can exceed its capacity and spill onto the floodplain.
- **Surface water** (or pluvial) flooding: during and after **intense rainfall**, drains and surface water sewers can exceed their capacity.
- **Sewer flooding**: following a failure in the sewage system (such as a blockage) or during and after **intense rainfall**.



Old Romsey Road 2023

Copythorne Rivers

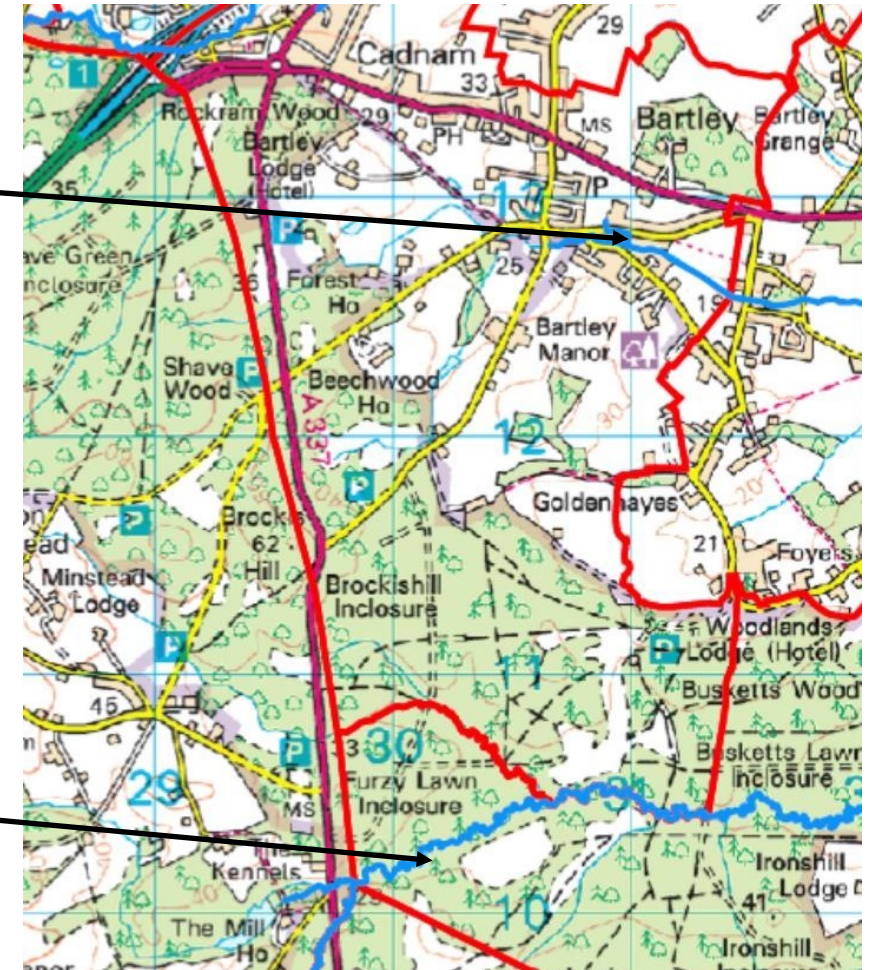


River Blackwater

Part of Bartley Water

Cadnam River

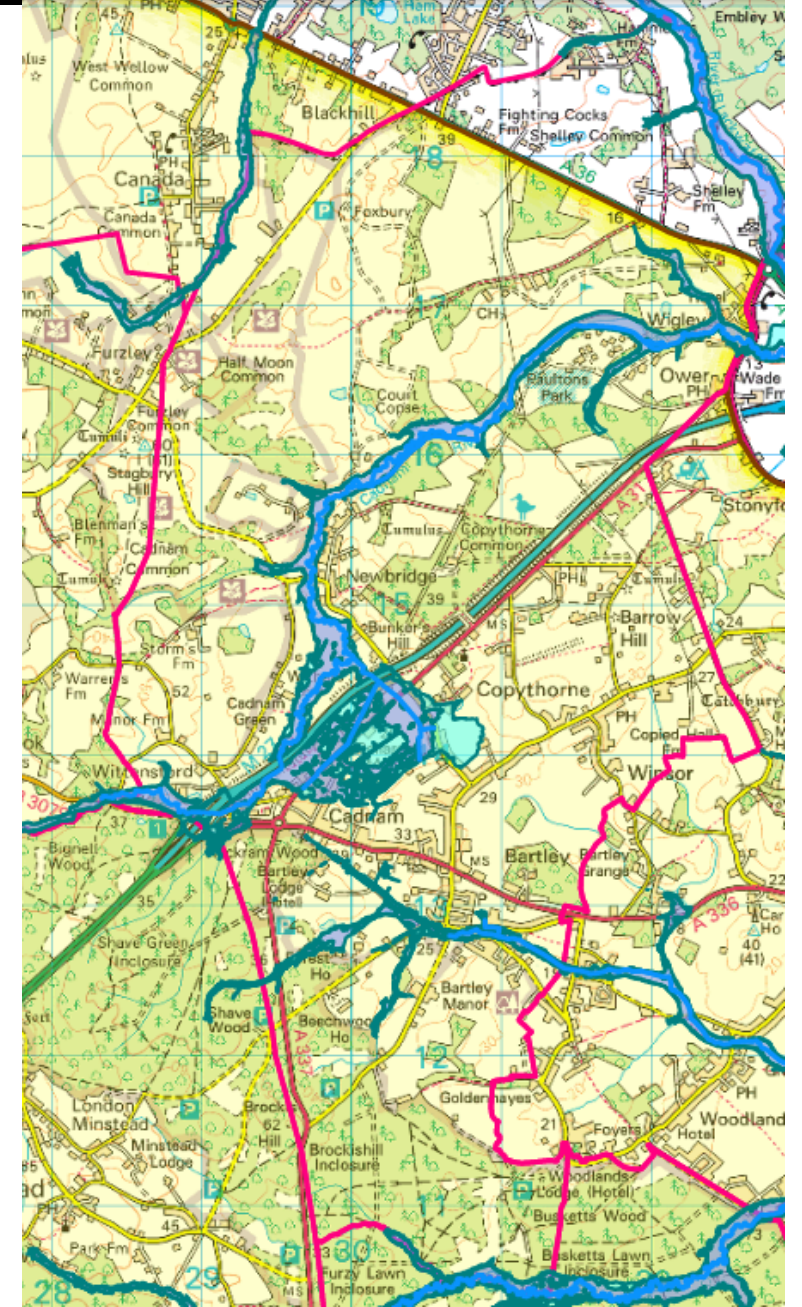
Bartley Water



Flood Zones and Flood Risk

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding>

- Check your Flood Risk
- Sign up to Flood alerts
- Manage Flood Risks



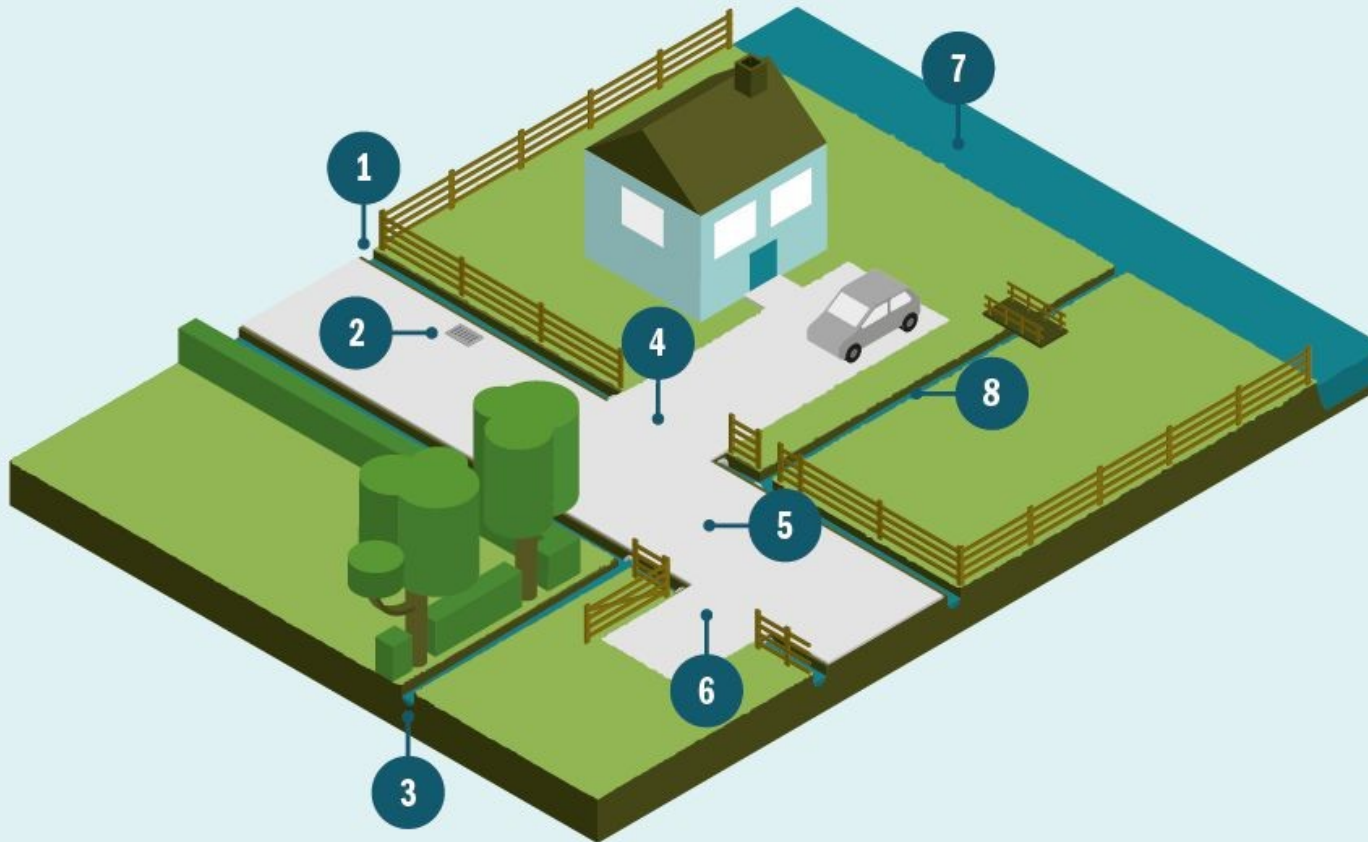
Riparian Responsibilities

- Landowner is responsible for watercourses on their land
- They can be liable for flood damage to other properties
- <https://www.copythorne.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/HCCFloodRiskManagement-Landowners.pdf>



Beechwood Road January 2025

Who is responsible for maintaining watercourses?



Report flooding and maintenance incidents to Hampshire County Council at:
hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding

1

Roadside ditch

Responsibility of adjacent landowner to maintain.
Maintenance: Remove silt and obstructions regularly.

2

Road gully

Responsibility of Highway Authority to maintain.
Maintenance: All gullies on adopted roads are on a regular cleaning schedule.

3

Boundary ditch

Responsibility of landowners each side to maintain up to the middle point.
Maintenance: Remove silt and obstructions regularly.

4

Pipe under driveway

Responsibility of adjacent landowner to maintain.
Maintenance: Clear trash screens and rod pipe.

5

Pipe running from one side of the road to the other

Responsibility of Highway Authority to maintain.
Maintenance: Regularly rod or jet to remove blockages and build up.

6

Pipe under field access

Responsibility of adjacent landowner to maintain.
Maintenance: Clear trash screens and rod pipe.

7

Watercourse at boundary

Responsibility of landowners each side to maintain up to the middle point.
Maintenance: Remove any obstructions.

8

Watercourse within land

Responsibility of landowner to maintain.
Maintenance: Remove silt and obstructions regularly.

Examples in Copythorne Parish



Old Romsey Road Nov 2023



Shepherds Road Jan 2025



Romsey Road Dec 2024

What have we been doing to help?

1. EA offering “Property Flood Resilience” support to property owners who have responded to survey
2. Drainage improvements on Shepherds Road and Chinham Road (see FB posts)
3. Lengthsman to walk all the Main Watercourses and ditches along roads liable to surface water flooding in the Parish and clears or reports to Clerk any obstructions found.
4. HCC have worked with landowners to identify ownership of watercourses
5. Investigation to assess culvert sizing, impact of trees, debris and attenuation sites
6. Work with EA to deliver Riparian Responsibility letters to residents in high flood risk areas.
7. Searching for absent landowners.

QUESTIONS

