

Mr Peter Hebard
Brockenhurst and New Forest Flood Action Group

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Dear Peter

Natural Flood Management Methods

Firstly, thank you once again for coming along to the Copythorne Parish Council Flooding Advisory Committee ("FAC") meeting on April 28th 2026.

It was very interesting to hear how the Brockenhurst and New Forest Flood Action Group ("BANFFAG") have been successful in working with various external parties (including Brockenhurst Parish Council; the Environment Agency; and Forestry England) to reduce the impact of flooding in various parts of the Forest.

Members of the FAC were particularly interested to learn how the use of Natural Flood Management methods have helped in and around the Brockenhurst area.

We have tried to engage with some of the same external parties you have been working with and it would be good to see if you and your group can help us improve that engagement in a way that would benefit the residents of Copythorne.

Much of the flooding that impacts the Parish comes from channelled water overflowing onto roads and property. This occurs in Cadnam (from the Cadnam River) and in Bartley from Bartley Water after heavy rainfall higher up the catchment areas.

In summary, Copythorne Parish Council supports the work of BANFFAG and looks forward to working with you and your group in the future.

The Parish Council is very happy for you to share this letter of support with any external party that might be in a position to work with you and us to help reduce the risk and impact of flooding in the Parish.

Yours sincerely

David Rigby

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