

# Godalming Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS) June 2019 Newsletter

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## Recent progress

Spring has seen significant progress with the cladding, drainage, outfalls, listed wall reinstatement, pumping station at Catteshall Road allotments and reinstatement of the gardens.

Work at Meadow Allotments is complete and this area has been reinstated ready for reoccupation by the allotment holders.

Later in the summer, we will be reinstating the Catteshall Road Allotments.



**Pumping station construction in Catteshall Road Allotments**



**Flood wall upstream of bridge**

## Next steps

Over the next few weeks, we expect to:

- continue the garden reinstatement
- steps over the flood wall (example steps have been erected in front of the site offices)
- complete the cladding
- continue pumping station works.

A pump station is also proposed adjacent to Meadow Court (downstream of the bridge).

Target date for completion of the main construction works, subject to weather conditions, remains late-summer 2019.

## Work at Catteshall Road for the demountable flood barrier

We are currently in the process of finalising details of the proposed demountable barrier.

This includes type of barrier, tie in details, storage location, supplier and agreeing the deployment protocol. Details are being discussed with residents and Godalming Flood Group.

The demountable barrier across Catteshall Road will only be deployed when flood water levels are high. Triggers for deployment are being agreed with the highways authority, Surrey County Council.

Environmental Note  

Reducing our environmental impact using effective waste management: 95% of the scheme's waste is diverted from landfill

## Protecting local wildlife

Ecologists have undertaken extensive surveys of the working area to look for protected species and rare plants.

The scheme is being constructed adjacent to the Lammas Lands, which is registered common land with public rights of access and a locally designated Site of Nature Conservation Importance.

## Would you like to visit the scheme?

On Tuesday 30 July at 14:00, we will be holding another site meeting for residents. This will provide an opportunity for residents to find out more about the work involved in this scheme.

The meeting will last for around an hour. For safety reasons we will not be going into the working area and you will not need protective equipment. You will be accompanied by members of the project team from the Environment Agency and Team Van Oord.

As numbers are limited booking is essential. To book a place, please email [angela.spinks@mackley.co.uk](mailto:angela.spinks@mackley.co.uk) stating your name, with details of any specific requirements.

Each tour is different, so you can attend more than one if you wish.

## What if there is a flood prior to completion of construction?

We would provide temporary protection in the event of a flood.

There is a small (5 metre long) section, adjacent to the bridge, where the flood defence works are still to be completed.

At this location, there are significant constraints and challenges caused by a nearby gas pipe and foul sewer. The locations of these utilities are different to expected. We are working hard to resolve and liaising with Thames Water and Southern Gas Network.

## Prepare for flooding

Although we work to reduce flood risk, we cannot remove it entirely. You can find out more about what to do before, during and after a flood by visiting

[www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding/future-flooding](http://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding/future-flooding)

If you have any queries about the information contained in this briefing or would like to be added to our mailing list please contact:

[Enquiries\\_THM@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:Enquiries_THM@environment-agency.gov.uk)

If you see blockages in the river channel which pose an immediate flood risk then this should be reported directly to our incident line on:

0800 80 70 60

## Where can I find out more?

The posters at the site entrance are updated regularly with progress information.

You can find out more about the scheme on the project webpage:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/godalming-flood-alleviation-scheme/godalming-flood-alleviation-scheme>

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**Flood wall completed downstream of bridge**