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Flood Mitigation Works along Hell Ditch

Godalming Town Council, with Waverley Borough Council, Surrey County Council, Godalming Flood Group (composed of local residents) and the Environment Agency (EA) - the Lead Authority in respect of Flood Mitigation, have been working in partnership to identify solutions to improve the flow and dispersal of water along the length of Hell Ditch in Godalming.

Work has now commenced on clearing Hell Ditch of obstructions to help water flow. One of the issues experienced in December 2013 was the obstruction of Hell Ditch caused by trees and dead wood falling into the waterway. In order to reduce the possibility of this type of obstruction, Godalming Town Council and Waverley Borough Council are carrying out coppicing, pollarding and tree removal along its banks.

Work is also progressing on the Lammas lands to clear water spillways taking the over flow waters into the Canal section of the River Wey below Catteshall lock.

The Godalming Flood Group actively monitor the situation along Hell Ditch, the River Wey and the Wey Navigation and provide invaluable local information. However, in order to supplement this information Godalming Town Council has agreed with the Environment Agency for an early Flood Warning monitor to be installed on the allotment lands to assist overall flood warning for the Wey. The information gathered from this site will go direct to the EA's Central Office.

It is hoped that over the next few months further flood mitigation measures could be identified and agreed to provide longer term solutions.

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