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Lambourn Valley Flood Forum Update November 2025

The last meeting was held on 20th October it opened with the announcement of a change of Chair. “The LVFF thank Howard for his excellent leadership over the past several years, which have been a challenging time for everyone, but during which several significant projects have been completed for the benefit of communities in the Lambourn Valley. We look forward to his continuing contribution to future meetings as Vice Chair and Host for the on-line system.” The incoming Chair is Vicky Rieunier, previous Chair of Lambourn Parish Council.

Thames Water

We met with Thames Water on 16th October in anticipation of the LVFF meeting for an update on their current works:

- Flood plates are being fitted in Upper Lambourn
- The monitoring of groundwater levels is ongoing, further investigations of infiltration to the drainage systems will take place when levels start rising
- Three backdrops are being realigned and repaired in the coming weeks
- TW legal team are working on addressing private infiltration issues in Upper Lambourn

Once these works have been completed, it will be a case of waiting until the next high groundwater event to evaluate their impact.

Ditches

The Parish Council has contacted all riparian ditch owners and has largely secured the clearance of ditches in the area. All ditches in Lambourn are the responsibility of the adjacent landowners.

There is one stretch on the Wantage Rd that's still under negotiation. If we do reach an impasse, West Berks have agreed to consider issuing an enforcement notice to support the Parish Council.

Project Groundwater

We continue to work with Project Groundwater. An innovative Government funded, nature-based solution for Upper Lambourn will be unveiled by Project Groundwater at the December Full Council meeting.

West Berks

West Berks has cleared most grips earlier in the year and gully emptying is ongoing. Crowle Road is due for clearing in the next few weeks - this is an area that floods so we will continue to monitor its completion. Parsonage Lane has a reported blocked gully that has been cleared as part of the annual cycle but now needs further clearance.

We have an ongoing flooding and surface water issue outside the Butcher's shop on the High Street. Following this issue being raised at the LVFF, the High Street was closed on Monday for gully clearing and jetting. We will report on West Berks's feedback as soon as we receive it.