



Bothenhampton & Walditch

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Mr Andy Probets
Engineer - Flood Risk Management
Dorset Council – Infrastructure Service

By email

2nd October 2020

Dear Mr Probets

RE: FLOODING IN WALDITCH

I am writing to advise that on Wednesday, 30th September between about 16.00 and 17.00 heavy rain fell on Walditch Knapp.

This caused water to push leaves, branches and silt down Spinners Lane in Walditch. Drains were overwhelmed and water flooded the path leading to 1 and 2 Manor Farm Court (DT6 4LQ) to a depth of about 20cm. I attach photographs taken later.

The floodwater also swept along Walditch Road and overwhelmed the storm drain at Broadstone Farmhouse (DT6 4LQ). Resident Dr Philip Webb says this may be blocked somewhere under his garden or in a neighbouring property. Intervention by six residents while the rain was still falling managed to prevent water entering the houses.

This is the worst of three incidents since September 2019.

Separately, water swept down the farm track under Sadness Copse and left a large pile of gravel on Walditch Road. Water threatened to flood 5 Hyde Cottages (DT6 4LB) for the second time in a few weeks. Should a spate of water come down the hill during the night, it is unlikely that houses would escape unflooded.

Fortunately, on 1st October a DC road-sweeping lorry cleared the worst of the silt and the gravel, and a drain clearing lorry treated the drains in Upper Walditch. It is a long time since Walditch Road was last treated, and residents are grateful for the attention. However, the Parish Council is keen to discuss with you how the problems can be mitigated in Walditch and we would be grateful if you could visit the site to discuss improvements with us at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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