

# WCC Councillors report - September 2011

## Further COVID-19 grant programmes launch across the district to support the local economy

Businesses and organisations who have been impacted by COVID-19 can now apply for two additional grant schemes. Winchester City Council has launched a new COVID-19 Business Challenges (CBC) grant programme, and a further round of the popular Transformation, Adaptations and Diversification (TAD) grant.

Following feedback from businesses affected by staff shortages and closures, the council has introduced this one-off CBC grant to compensate organisations and businesses based in the Winchester district for loss of income during the six week period from 1 July to 16 August 2021. For further information about the CBC grant visit: <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/business/business-grants>

The deadline for CBC applications is **Monday 27 September 2021**.

In addition, a further £500,000 of TAD grant funding is being made available to help those who have or plan to make adaptations to their services and/or to diversify or transform their services, products and business model to reach new customers and markets, including new practices that support longer term resilience.

Priority will be given to those who have not previously applied or been awarded a TAD grant. The deadline for TAD applications is **Monday 13 September**.

## Small Grants

Applications OPEN - **close end of September**

This scheme aims to make small grants easily available to local voluntary and community groups. Grants are quick and easy to apply for, and we will offer you advice whenever you need it. The grants of up to £500 are available for one-off pieces of expenditure if on projects, equipment and other items which will help your organisation to do more, to reach more people, to provide better services or to try something different.

# Council clamps down on fly-tipping with 900 cases already reported this year

Winchester City Council is installing CCTV cameras around the district in a bid to put a stop to fly-tipping

The council has taken action against 14 offenders in the past six months, including a case which appeared before Portsmouth Magistrates in June this year. To further tackle the problem, the council is installing CCTV cameras operating on a rolling programme. These will be installed in various 'hot spots' across the district.

The council took action against an offender who appeared before Portsmouth Magistrates on 1 June 2021. They faced charges of failing to obtain a waste transfer note. The case was investigated by the city council's Neighbourhood Services team. The defendant was ordered to pay fines totaling £1,145.

If you find illegally dumped waste with a sticker attached, it means that the council is already aware, and will arrange for disposal as soon as possible. Help us to tackle fly-tipping – if you find any rubbish and there is no sticker on it please report it to [www.winchester.gov.uk](http://www.winchester.gov.uk), on the Your Winchester App or by phoning 0300 300 0013.

## Climate Change

Floods are nothing new and we have lived with extreme weather for thousands of years. However, we are witnessing an increase in the occurrence and severity of high rainfall events and droughts.

There are several Natural Flood Management methods that we can all do as homeowners and landowners but the most effective in our area is **Ditch management/re-profiling**. There are many others that can be considered if you have the land for example:

- Planting cross-slope hedgerows.

- Planting or allowing natural regeneration of cross-slope, riparian and floodplain woodlands. Installing leaky woody dams across flow pathways and in channels
- Soil restoration and conservation.
- Encouraging rougher (meadow/woodland) vegetation and buffer strips.
- Intercepting surface water with swales and sediment traps.
- Increasing seasonal storage through creation of wader scrapes.
- Wetland creation through opening up floodplain washlands and restoring meanders.

For more information on your riparian responsibilities please visit the HCC website

[Reducing flood risk | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/reducing-flood-risk)

*Do you own land that has a watercourse or drainage ditch on or adjacent to it?*

Answer: Yes –You are therefore a **'riparian landowner'** and you are responsible for maintaining those watercourses

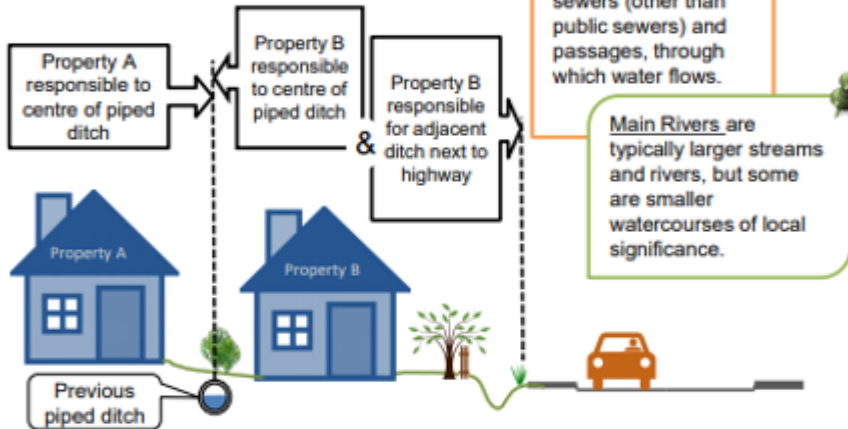
**What is a watercourse?**

Watercourses are any natural or artificial channel above or below ground through which water flows. Watercourses are classified as either 'Ordinary Watercourse' or 'Main River'.

**Ordinary**

Watercourses are watercourses that are not part of a main river and include streams, ditches, drains, cuts, culverts, dykes, sluices, sewers (other than public sewers) and passages, through which water flows.

**Main Rivers** are typically larger streams and rivers, but some are smaller watercourses of local significance.



*What can land and properties owners do to reduce the risk of flooding?*

- ❖ Identify your ordinary watercourses/ditches/piped watercourses – check deeds if required
- ❖ Check whether they are clear from debris and vegetation and if not clear them

**As a landowner you have a right to protect your property from flooding – consider how you might do this and prepare a plan.**



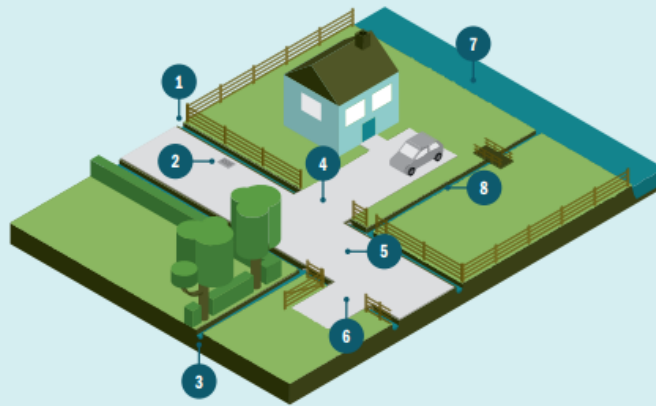
More information:

[www.hants.gov.uk/watercourses](http://www.hants.gov.uk/watercourses)

National Flood Forum provides information on preparing for a flood:

[www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk/at-risk-of-flooding-2/](http://www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk/at-risk-of-flooding-2/)

# Who is responsible for maintaining watercourses?



Report flooding and maintenance incidents to Hampshire County Council at:  
[hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding](https://hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding)

- 1 Roadside ditch**  
 Responsibility of adjacent landowner to maintain.  
 Maintenance: Remove silt and obstructions regularly.
- 2 Road gully**  
 Responsibility of Highway Authority to maintain.  
 Maintenance: All gullies on adopted roads are on a regular cleaning schedule.
- 3 Boundary ditch**  
 Responsibility of landowners each side to maintain up to the middle point.  
 Maintenance: Remove silt and obstructions regularly.
- 4 Pipe under driveway**  
 Responsibility of adjacent landowner to maintain.  
 Maintenance: Clear trash screens and rod pipe.
- 5 Pipe running from one side of the road to the other**  
 Responsibility of Highway Authority to maintain.  
 Maintenance: Regularly rod or jet to remove blockages and build up.
- 6 Pipe under field access**  
 Responsibility of adjacent landowner to maintain.  
 Maintenance: Clear trash screens and rod pipe.
- 7 Watercourse at boundary**  
 Responsibility of landowners each side to maintain up to the middle point.  
 Maintenance: Remove any obstructions.
- 8 Watercourse within land**  
 Responsibility of landowner to maintain.  
 Maintenance: Remove silt and obstructions regularly.

## Examples of structures requiring consent

Cross section diagram	Feature	Consent required?
	Pipe culvert (including extensions and removal of)	YES
	Oversized box culvert (including extensions and removal of)	YES
	Trash screens	YES
	Bank protection works	Temporary works may require consent
	Pipe crossing (in channel)	YES
	Pipe crossing (above bank)	NO
	Pipe crossing (below bed)	Temporary works may require consent
	Protruding pipe outfall	YES
	Outfall within bank profile	YES
	Weir/dam or impoundment or temporary works that obstruct flow	YES
	Bridge (where soffit level is below bank top level)	YES
	Bridge (abutments not reducing flow area/width)	NO
	Bridge (abutments restrict flow)	YES
	Clear span bridge	NO
	Bridge with support in channel	YES