

**Minutes from the Meeting
held on Thursday 7th November 2024 at 19:00
at The War Memorial Hall, Abbots Ann.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Councillor Jordan	√		
Councillor Howard	√		
Councillor Heather	√		
Councillor Wallis	√		
Councillor Mitchell	√		
Councillor Rous			√
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Also, IN ATTENDANCE:

Amanda Owen – Clerk, Borough Councillor Flood, County Councillor Drew, Ray Lucas – Abbots Ann Community Land Trust & no members of the public.

241101	<p>To receive Chairman’s opening remarks. Councillor Jordan welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Change of running order, items 1 to 4, then item 6 & 7. 2. Received invitations to webinar held by Test Valley Borough Council with regards to changes to the National Planning Policy Framework. Councillor Jordan asked if Councillors had opportunity please attend upcoming ones. 3. Thank you to Councillor Mitchell for driving forward and energising the wellbeing portfolio. Councillors were asked to consider the allocation of CIL funding from TVBC to an earmarked reserve for the wellbeing portfolio.
241102	<p>To receive and accept apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Councillor Hasselmann.</p>
241103	<p>To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests relating to items on this agenda. No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were received.</p>
241104	<p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd October 2024. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd October were signed as a correct record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis. This motion was passed on a vote of 4 FOR and 1 ABSTENTION.</p>
241105	<p>To receive updates already published and any further updates provided. Reports can be found at APPENDIX A.</p> <p>Borough Councillor Flood provided an overview of her report drawing attention to the following points in particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winter fuel allowance support. 2. Annual Leaf clearance. 3. Historic buildings & energy efficiency measures event. 4. Briefing from Test Valley Association of Parish and Town Councils – National Planning Reform. <p>County Councillor Drew provided an overview of his report.</p> <p>Councillor Jordan left the meeting at 19:30. Councillor Howard (Vice Chair) chaired the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Mitchell advised that the Facebook page ‘Abbots Ann Village Community’ is gaining interest and advised of conversation with residents of Cattle Lane with regards to 20’s Plenty signage. The Clerk advised that permission needs to be sought from Hampshire County Council should the signs be placed upon existing street signs but residents can display a ‘20’s plenty’ sign on their own border or in the form of a wheelie bin sticker.</p>

	<p>Councillor Mitchell advised that residents have asked for reapplying for a mini roundabout at St John's Cross to assist with traffic flow. It was noted that the Clerk would contact Hampshire County Council to enquire as to the procedure required.</p> <p>Councillor Wallis advised that FOTAAS have tidied the fence around the bonfire at the Sportsfield but need to remove the bonfire ash once dry.</p>
241106	<p>To receive an update from Abbotts Ann Community Land Trust. Abbotts Ann Community Land Trust provided the following report: "Report to Abbotts Ann Parish Council as to the status of the project to build a mixed development of Affordable and market homes on land adjoining Abbotts Ann Primary School in Duck Street, Abbotts Ann.</p> <p>The Parish Council is aware that negotiations have been taking place over several months between our proposed development partner, Oxford Advanced Living (OAL), the land owner's agent and AACLT in an attempt to agree the terms of an agreement under which OAL would have the option to purchase the land and carry out the development in accordance with requirements agreed with AACLT.</p> <p>Unfortunately, it has not been possible to reach a successful conclusion and OAL have decided to withdraw from the project.</p> <p>AACLT are consequently in new discussions with the land owners to agree a way forward which we expect to include the procedure for the selection of a new mutually acceptable developer with similar obligations as to the quality of the development and wider benefits to the community.</p> <p>The mix of housing types is to be agreed and will have regard to the findings of the recent housing need survey of the village.</p> <p>The discussions with the land owner's advisors so far are encouraging and we hope to be able to share updates on progress within the coming months.</p>
241107	<p>To discuss progress on the new Bulbery facilities project. Noting the Parish Council cannot move forward without S106 contribution achieved from Abbotts Ann Community Land Trust. The Architect has commenced the initial outline planning stage and conducted an initial survey. A bat survey is required but cannot be conducted until the end of April / beginning of May which brings the project us to a natural pause. There is no adverse cost implications, the quote remains extant. As a Parish Council we can fund the pre application independently and not have to use FOTAAS funding. After outline planning permission, the Parish Council plan to move forward with the AACLT.</p> <p>Councillor Jordan reiterated that there is no risk to the Parish Councils in terms of what we have committed. From his position as Chair there is nothing to be gained by stopping the Architect from stopping the outline planning proposal. Thereafter, the Parish Council needs to conduct a deep review with the CLT.</p> <p>Councillor Jordan reiterated that the architect is tasked with designing the facilities within the budgetary limit as specified by the PC.</p> <p>It was NOTED that Councillors are content with the decision to proceed to outline planning and then meet with AACLT to see if progress can continue.</p>
241108	<p>To consider Bulbery playground options. Councillor Mitchell advised she has received one quote for playground equipment and pending another quote that would itemise items for individual purchase.</p> <p>Another company had provided a brochure so the Parish Council can cherry pick items and a quote will be provided.</p> <p>Councillor Mitchell advised that she will endeavour to have quotes and summary for December meeting.</p>
241109	<p>To consider a response to the Draft New Forest International Nature Conservation Designations: Recreational Mitigation Framework Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).</p>

	<p>It was AGREED to not submit a comment to the Draft New Forest International Nature Conservation Designations: Recreational Mitigation Framework Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). Proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Howard. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																				
241110	<p>To consider the refurbishment / replacement of aged bench at the War Memorial Hall. It was AGREED that the Clerk would research grants to obtain a replacement bench similar to those installed at Bulbery. If a grant was available, an Eco-Rest bench at £343.58 was preferred. If not, a bench top at £98 + VAT should be purchased for Cllr. Heather to install. Proposed by Councillor Heather, seconded by Councillor Mitchell. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																				
241111	<p>To consider the 2025 / 2026 budget. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would update the budget and recirculate.</p>																																				
241112	<p>To note the current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance. The current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance were NOTED with the bank balance at 31st October 2024 being £79,415.62. The bank reconciliation can be found as APPENDIX B.</p>																																				
241113	<p>To approve the requests for payments for November. The payments as listed in the table below were APPROVED for payment. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Heather. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">November 2024 Payment Requests</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>TO</th> <th>FOR</th> <th>INVOICE NO</th> <th>AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>Salary</td> <td>November</td> <td>£1,147.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>Expenses</td> <td>October</td> <td>£23.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor Heather</td> <td>Expenses</td> <td>September</td> <td>£17.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Philip Grob Blacksmith</td> <td>Burial Ground Fence</td> <td>Inv - 2122384</td> <td>£6,900.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scandor</td> <td>Grounds Maintenance</td> <td>Inv 20335</td> <td>£852.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hugo Fox</td> <td>Website Subscription</td> <td>Inv 8347</td> <td>£143.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hampshire County Council</td> <td>Lighting - April to September 2024</td> <td>3611876019</td> <td>£171.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black;">£9,255.79</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	TO	FOR	INVOICE NO	AMOUNT	Staff	Salary	November	£1,147.51	Staff	Expenses	October	£23.14	Councillor Heather	Expenses	September	£17.50	Philip Grob Blacksmith	Burial Ground Fence	Inv - 2122384	£6,900.00	Scandor	Grounds Maintenance	Inv 20335	£852.67	Hugo Fox	Website Subscription	Inv 8347	£143.86	Hampshire County Council	Lighting - April to September 2024	3611876019	£171.11				£9,255.79
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241114	<p>To consider the following planning application(s):</p>																																				
241114.01	<p>24/02289/FULLN Single storey extension to form guest bedroom and new pitched roof over existing/extended single storey building with rooflights to rear elevation; conversion of existing garage to games room/gym with 2 no windows to front elevation; stained timber cladding to external walls and solar panels to main dwelling (south facing elevation). 3 Abbots Close, Abbots Ann, Andover, Hampshire. Apologies were NOTED from the applicants. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application. Proposed by Councillor Heather, seconded by Councillor Howard. This motion was passed on a vote of 3 FOR and 1 ABSTENTION.</p>																																				
241114.02	<p>24/02298/TREEN Removal of Holly bush to front garden. Mayfield, Duck Street, Abbots Ann. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application. Proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Heather. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																				
241114.03	<p>24/02382/TREEN T1 - Ash - Fell, T2 - Laburnam – Fell. Ash Cottage, 37 Duck Street, Abbots Ann. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Heather. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																				

241114.04	<p>24/02422/VARN Removal of condition 4 of 24/00427/FULLN (Removal of single storey side extension and erection of two storey replacement side extension; single storey rear extension) to remove condition and its requirements in relation to tree protection. Holly Tree Cottage, 2 Dunkirt Lane, Abbots Ann, Andover. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Heather. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
241114.05	<p>24/02470/FULLN Conversion of garage into ancillary accommodation (retrospective). 3 Catherines Walk, Abbots Ann, Andover, Hampshire. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application. Proposed by Councillor Heather, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
241115	<p>To agree the date of the next meeting as Thursday 5th December. The date of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 5th December.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:26.

APPENDIX A

Environmental Portfolio Report for October 2024 – Councillor Heather

Footpaths

The eighth round of path trimming completed in early October; on a recent path inspection 5 to 6 paths may need another trim in late November.

Our longest path called Green Lane has recently had the hedges trimmed back by the landowner which has made it much easier for walking.

Sewage

The PPPF quarterly meeting with Southern Water took place on the 14th of October (copy of minutes are available on request) but I insert below for your information the section relevant to the valve issue at Mill Lane, and SW proposal how to overcome the problem to eliminate the spillage problem at Manor Farm.

10. Mill Lane Valve Update (FC) Action USW/PPF 23.2.1(c): Automation of Mill Lane Valves - ongoing FC said that the Playbook included operational protocols for the Mill Lane valves. John Heather (JH), Abbotts Ann PC reminded the meeting that there had been a problem with these valves and repeated spills at Manor Farm for some years. Did SW really understand what the problem was? KH answered yes, saying that the valves needed constant adjustment to keep them free of 'rag' i.e. the biggest culprit being wet wipes. FC outlined what SW were currently doing to address this problem [slide 33]. A company called Technology Ltd has been tasked with scoping an automated solution. MC commented that surely a battery or solar solution could be found. FC replied SLMs would be deployed by the end of October to monitor flow and provide data on trigger levels to help specify design parameters. A solution is expected early 2025 and will need to go through SW's established investment process. In the meantime, manual valve adjustments are being handed over to Flow Management Solutions (FMS) with GMcC making himself available to provide advice. MC asked what FMS do? LG replied that FMS's remit is to reduce tankers and disruption. JH asked who will be monitoring the valves? LG replied that Wayne Carter from FMS would have this responsibility and would be checking the valves 2 or 3 times a day from now on. JH said that whilst he appreciated that any spill spotted at the Manor Farm manhole chamber needed to be formally reported, he would also want to ensure FMS were informed [Subsequent to the meeting the PPPF has been given Nick Davies's contact details]. NM said that SW needed to think about streamlining the reporting of spills associated with these valves. JH asked whether SW would have installed valves here if they had been designing this section of the network from scratch? NM replied that wet wipes had not been invented when the sewer network was installed. He said that he had had a conversation with Ofwat earlier in the day with regard to banning wet wipes. He cited the success of banning plastic cotton buds and replacing them with cardboard - SW no longer experienced blockages caused by cotton buds. The erection of signs advising the public on how to report spills had been promised for many months. GMcC said that the signs would be installed tomorrow. [Subsequent to the meeting signs were erected 15.10.24 at Manor Farm and at the Mill Lane valves. Reflective material has also been applied to the concrete retaining posts at Manor Farm.]

To date at the time of writing this report there has been no spillage problems at Manor Farm reported in October. Ground water levels have been raising to record levels (see attached chart), but no tankers have been employed in October.

Highways and Public Footpaths.

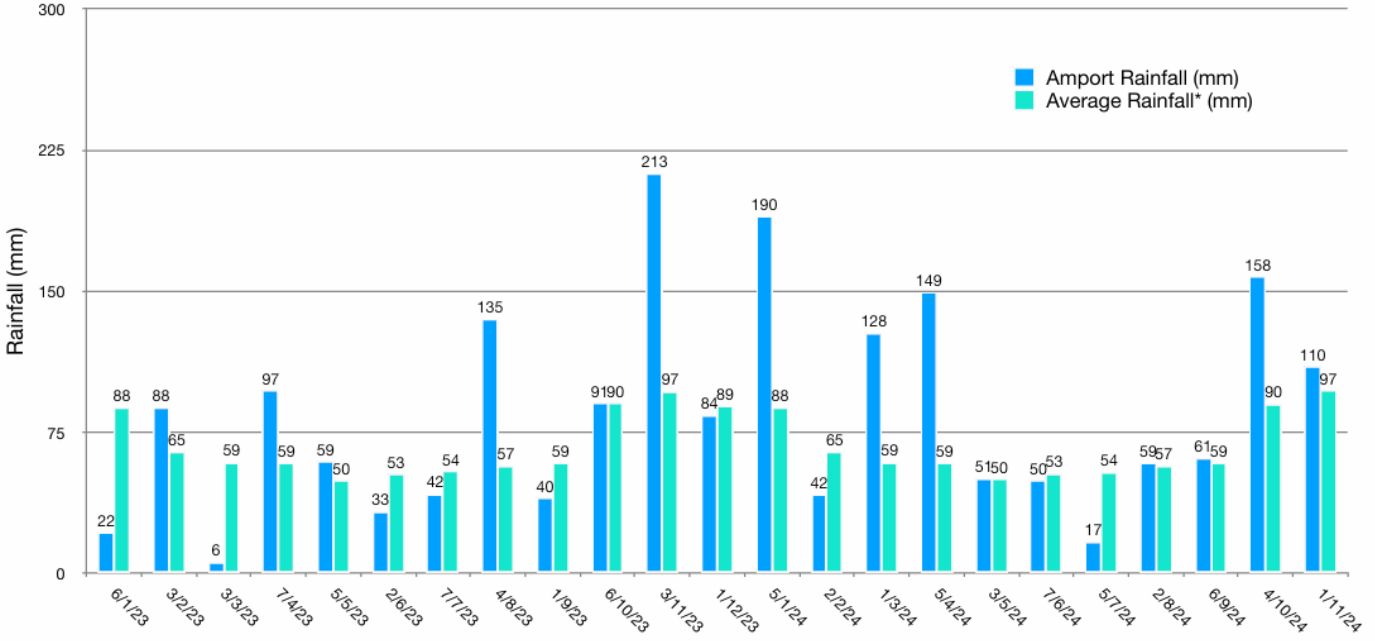
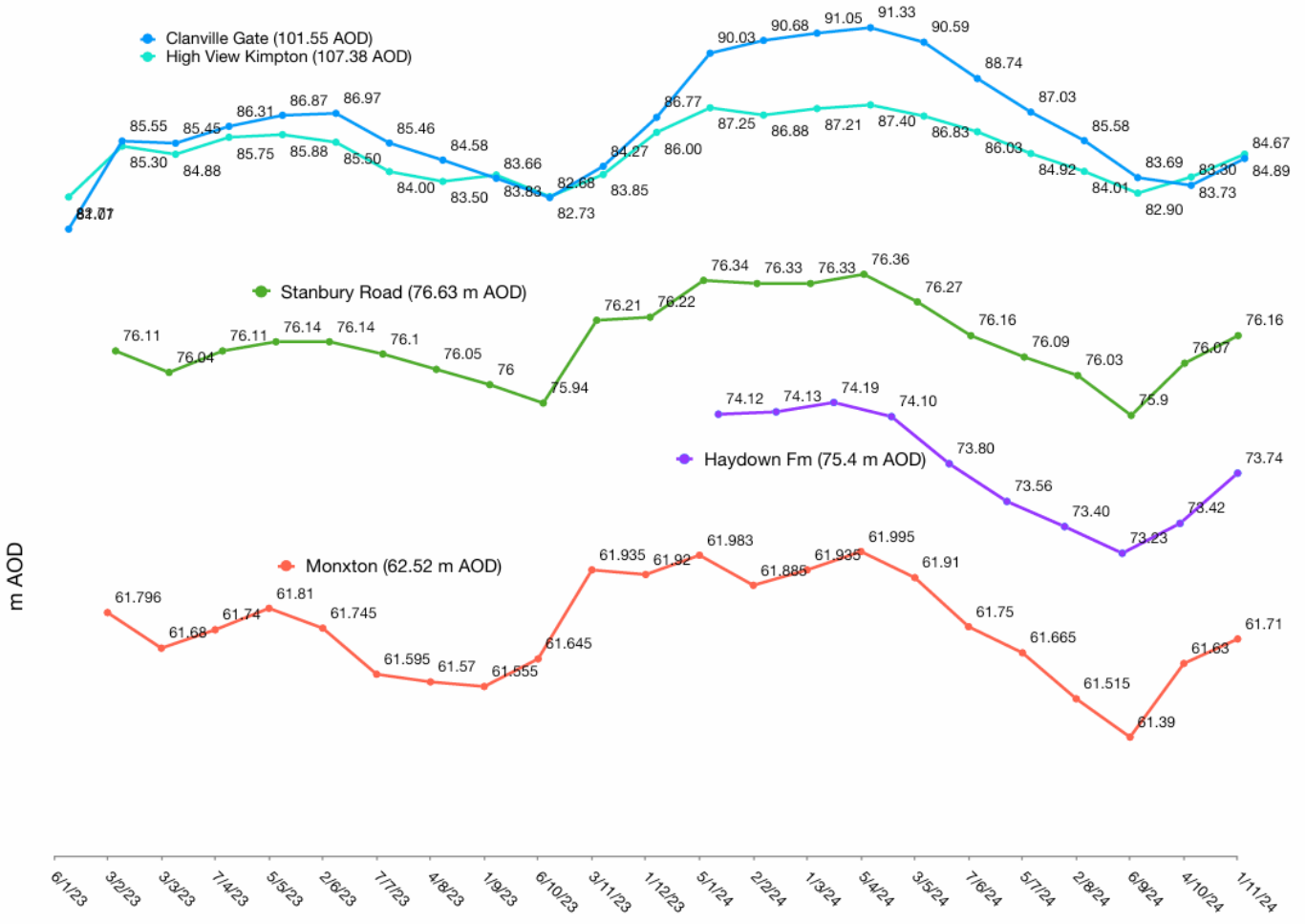
Still no action by HH to clean the drains in our village, again we had road flooding in the Duck Street during recent heavy rain.

Still waiting for HH to cut back the hedge along Church Road by the side of the pub.

River Watch

Pillhill Brook is still okay in our area, October monthly monitoring report to follow in the next few days.

Pan Parish Catchment Groundwater Levels (m AOD) as of 1 November 2024



* Met Office Average Rainfall data 1991 - 2020 for Middle Wallop

2023/24 GW levels (m AOD or Above Sea Level)

Week	Amport Rainfall (mm)	Average Rainfall* (mm)	Clanville Gate* (101.55 AOD)	High View Kimpton (107.38 AOD)	Stanbury Road (76.63 m AOD)	Haydown Fm (75.4 m AOD)	Monxton (62.52 m AOD)
6/1/23	22	88	81.07	82.71	-	-	-
3/2/23	88	65	85.55	85.30	76.11	-	61.80
3/3/23	6	59	85.45	84.88	76.04	-	61.68
7/4/23	97	59	86.31	85.75	76.11	-	61.74
5/5/23	59	50	86.87	85.88	76.14	-	61.81
2/6/23	33	53	86.97	85.50	76.14	-	61.75
7/7/23	42	54	85.46	84.00	76.10	-	61.60
4/8/23	135	57	84.58	83.50	76.05		61.57
1/9/23	40	59	83.66	83.83	76.00	-	61.56
6/10/23	91	90	82.68	82.73	75.94	-	61.65
3/11/23	213	97	84.27	83.85	76.21		61.94
1/12/23	84	89	86.77	86.00	76.22		61.92
5/1/24	190	88	90.03	87.25	76.34		61.98
2/2/24	42	65	90.68	86.88	76.33	74.12	61.89
1/3/24	128	59	91.05	87.21	76.33	74.13	61.94
5/4/24	149.2	59	91.33	87.40	76.36	74.19	62.00
3/5/24	50.5	50	90.59	86.83	76.27	74.10	61.91
7/6/24	49.5	53	88.74	86.03	76.16	73.80	61.75
5/7/24	16.8	54	87.03	84.92	76.09	73.56	61.67
2/8/24	59.0	57	85.58	84.01	76.03	73.40	61.52
6/9/24	61.1	59	83.69	82.90	75.90	73.23	61.39
4/10/24	157.5	90	83.30	83.73	76.07	73.42	61.63
1/11/24	110.0	97	84.67	84.89	76.16	73.74	61.71

* Borehole used by SW as an indicator for start of major groundwater infiltration

Notes:

1. Levels rose above 84 m trigger point 16 Jan 2023 & fell below 84 m 25 Aug 2023.
2. Row highlighted in green indicates catchment trigger points - when tankers were removed (on 24/08/23 in 2023; on 24/04/24 in 2024)
3. Levels bounded by red indicate when their individual trigger point were exceeded
4. Row highlighted in red indicates catchment trigger points - when tankers reinstated (on 3/11/23 in 2023)
5. More local borehole at High View, Kimpton added to table 17 Nov 2023 & levels for 2023 added retrospectively for comparison with Clanville Gate
6. Haydown Fm borehole substituted for Mullens Pond whilst out of action 25/1/24
7. Level at Clanville Gate fell below 84 m trigger point on 1 Sep 2024
8. Row bounded by red indicate when Clanville Gate exceeded the 84 m trigger point (on 21/10/24)

OCTOBER RESULTS

| Water Quality | Kick Sampling | Groundwater |

Water Quality

Flow increases with water depth and both contribute to a healthier brook. This is shown by our water quality results - the chemicals we test for continue to be within acceptable parameters.

Kick Sampling

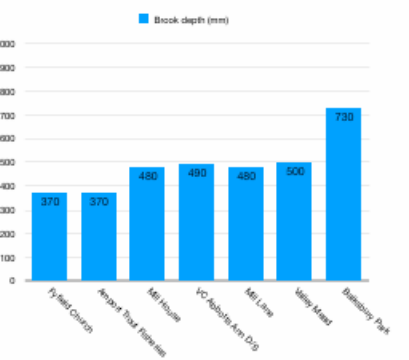
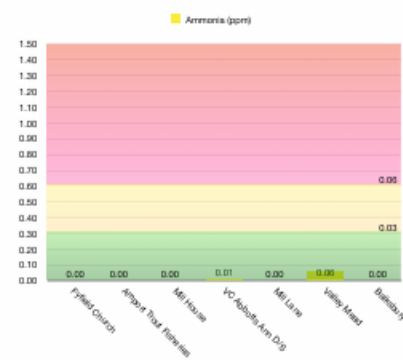
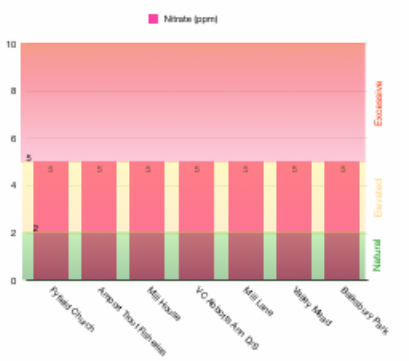
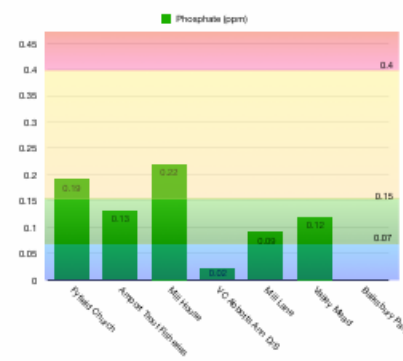
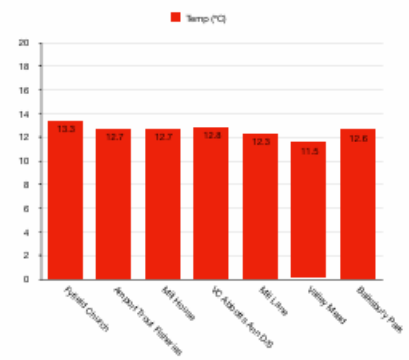
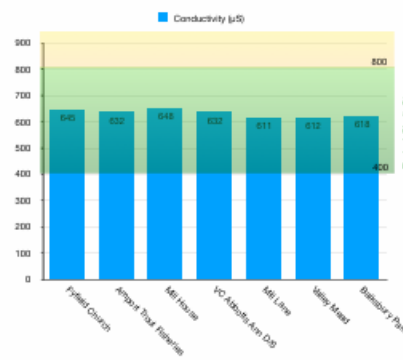
All sites show healthy invertebrate counts and as volunteers gain in experience we are beginning to find more e.g. [caseless caddis lava](#). An elver (juvenile eel) was also caught at our Balsbury Park site this month. Common in the 1960's they are now critically endangered - so it's good to find evidence of their possible return in our brook.

Groundwater

GW exceeded 84 m at Clanville Gate on 21 October. This is the EA trigger level above which there is an increased risk of GW ingress in basements and sewer pipes. This is 2 weeks earlier than in 2023, no doubt accelerated by September's high rainfall. October's rainfall of 110 mm is closer to the monthly average and consequently GW levels are slowing. With a dry spell forecast levels may even start to fall. Find more details on our [Groundwater page](#).

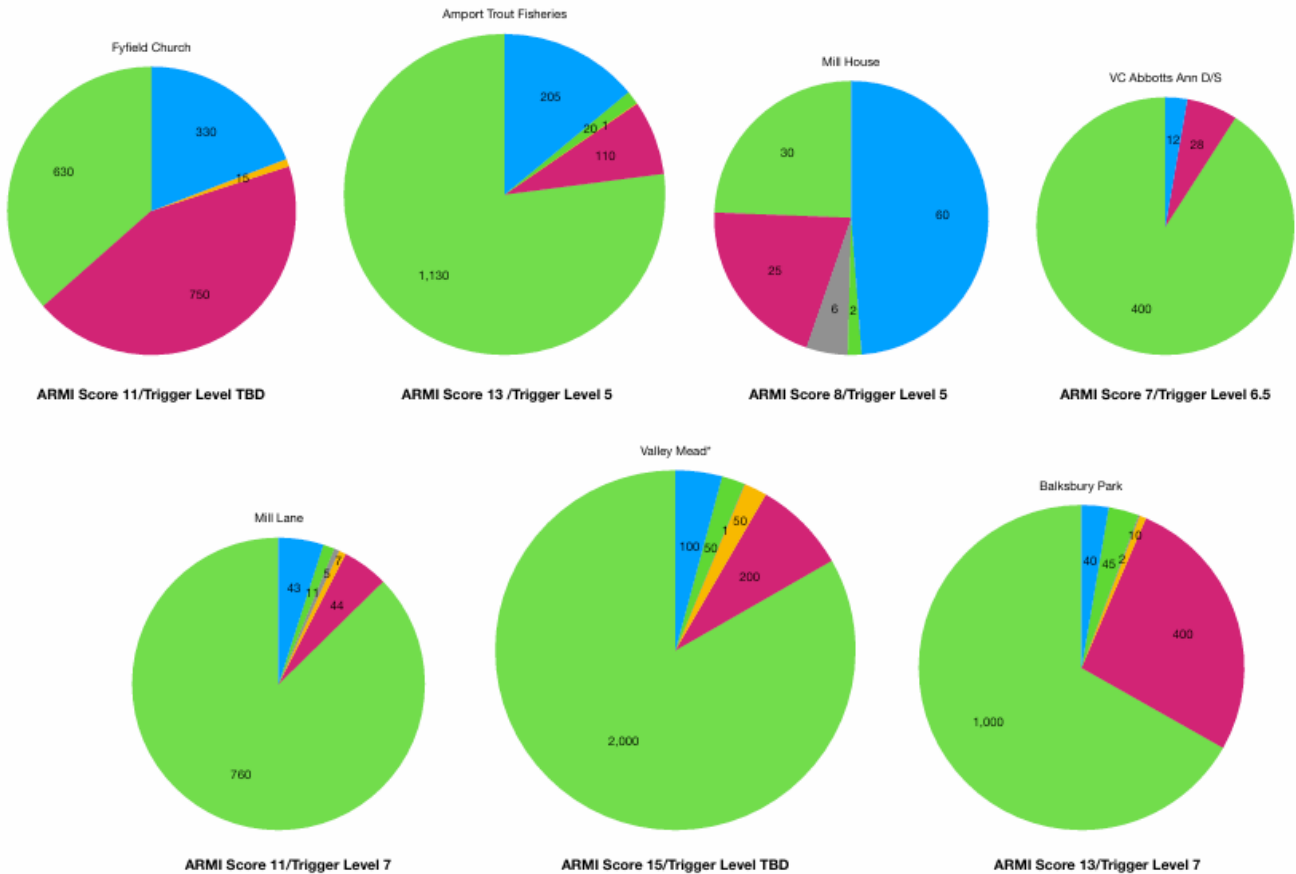
Water Quality Results for October 2024

Site	Conductivity (µS)	Temp (°C)	Phosphate (ppm)	Nitrate (ppm)	Ammonia (ppm)	Brook depth (mm)
Fyfield Church	645	13.3	0.19	5	0.00	370
Amport Trout Fisheries	632	12.7	0.13	5	0.00	370
Mill House	648	12.7	0.22	5	0.00	480
VC Abbotts Ann D/S	632	12.8	0.02	5	0.01	490
Mill Lane	611	12.3	0.09	5	0.00	480
Valley Mead	612	11.5	0.12	5	0.06	500
Balsbury Park	618	12.6	0.00	5	0.00	730



Invertebrate Counts for October 2024

Invertebrate Score	Fyfield Church	Amport Trout Fisheries	Mill House	VC Abbotts Ann D/S	Mill Lane	Valley Mead	Balksbury Park
Cased Caddis	330	205	60	12	43	100	40
Caseless Caddis	0	20	2	0	11	50	45
Mayfly (Ephemeroidea)	0	0	6	0	5	1	2
Blue-winged Olive (Ephemeroidea)	15	1	0	0	7	50	10
Flat-bodied Stone clinger (Heptageniidae)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Olive (Baetidae)	750	110	25	28	44	200	400
Stoneflies (Plecoptera)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Freshwater shrimp (Gammaridae)	630	1130	30	400	760	2000	1000



1. RMI monitors count the number of riverflies they find in eight key groups. From these numbers, an **ARMI score** is generated for that sample. Each site has a **trigger level**, decided by the ecology contact from the statutory agency, which shows the minimum ARMI score that samples at that site should have if the river is in acceptable ecological health. If the ARMI score of a sample is lower than the trigger level for that site, the monitor would then take a second sample to confirm the trigger level breach. Once confirmed, the statutory agency is informed.

Borough Councillor Report

Cllr Maureen Flood and Cllr Susanne Hasselmann - November 2024

Borough Council action relating to Winter Fuel Payments

Finance cabinet member, Councillor Maureen Flood, and Liberal Democrat group leader, Councillor Neil Gwynne, put forward a motion at October's council meeting to substantially extend a local scheme that was set up in 2022 to help those pensioners struggling to cover their fuel costs.

Councillors showed unanimous support for the proposal to allocate £20,000 to the Test Valley Winter Fuel Payment Scheme, and a further £20,000 if required, to continue support for those of pensionable age in the borough who need assistance with paying their bills. In doing so, they estimate that this will help over 400 of the most vulnerable pensioner households in Test Valley.

They also agreed to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, urging a review of the decision to means-test the Winter Fuel Payment and to ask the government to ensure that vulnerable pensioners, particularly those who are just above the threshold for Pension Credit, are protected from fuel poverty.

Bury Hill Tree Planting



Public Notice

Please note there will be limited parking at Bury Hill Meadows on weekdays between:

11th November - 29th November

Tree planting will be taking place with Andover Trees united during these dates. One half of the car park will be closed off between 8am - 3pm Monday - Friday.

For more information, please contact Rachel Hoyes - rhoyes@testvalley.gov.uk or 01264 368000

Andover Trees United will be doing their annual school tree planting at Bury Hill Meadows from the 11th November to the 29th November 2024.

Please note that there will be limited parking at Bury Hill Meadows during that time.

Cycling and Walking in Northern Test Valley

Hampshire County Council are consulting on the Northern Test Valley Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) until Sunday 17 November. The document sets out an approach for investing in walking and cycling in the Northern Test Valley area, identifying priorities based on engagement with stakeholders. It looks at how improvements could be delivered in those areas where specific issues have been identified.

The consultation can be accessed here [Northern Test Valley LCWIP \(arcgis.com\)](https://www.arcgis.com) and seeks to capture the views of users through surveys and map based data . Please share the link to the consultation with your community.

Fixed Point Photography Posts



The council has installed Fixed Point Photography (FPP) posts at locations across the borough, encouraging people to get outside and visit Test Valley's beautiful nature reserves and to help us monitor the success of local conservation work.

The idea is to help the local authority monitor the success of conservation work by taking photos on your smartphone and sharing them. Officers will use these images to monitor the changes that take place over time.

FPP cameras have been installed at Abbotswood, Anton Lakes, Bury Hill Meadows, Harewood Common, Ladies Walk, OxDrive, Rooksbury Mill and Mill Lane Meadows. They'll also be added at Valley Park, Tadburn and Charlton Lakes in the next few months.

The Countryside Alliance Awards

The Countryside Alliance is seeking to find the **best rural businesses in the country** who go the extra mile for their customers and communities.

They will be presenting awards in the following categories:

- Village shop / Post Office
- Rural enterprise
- Pub
- Local food and drink
- Butcher

Anyone can nominate a local rural business, by going to: [Countryside Alliance Awards | Countryside Alliance](https://www.countrysidealliance.org.uk/awards)

Nominees simply have to explain why the business is special and deserves to be recognised, highlighting how the business champions local producers and makes a real contribution to the community. Nominations must be received by Sunday 17 November 2024.

Annual leaf clearance



The council's programmed annual leaf clearance will start at the end of October and will take around 8 weeks to complete. TVBC will be targeting areas that regularly accumulate a lot of leaves and will be responding to ad-hoc requests to clear debris, too.

If you have any areas you feel should be cleared, please call TVBC or contact your Councillor.

Historic Buildings and Energy Efficiency

Test Valley Borough Council has arranged a workshop for Borough and Parish Councillors to illustrate potential measures to make historic buildings, and buildings in conservation areas more energy efficient and talk about ways to generate green energy.

The session will be held on the evening of Monday December 2nd, starting at 5.30pm, and will be run by Professor John Edwards, of Edwards-Hart Consulting, who is an experienced speaker in this field. More information about Prof. Edwards' background and work may be found here:

<https://edwardshart.co.uk/home/services/training/>

If you are interested in attending, please email mbennett@testvalley.gov.uk by 4pm on November 18th.

Hawk Conservancy Christmas Market

Thursday 28, Friday 29, Saturday 30 November

3:30-8:30PM

Why not pop into the Hawk Conservancy Trust and enjoy some festive shopping? With over 60 local businesses attending, there will be plenty to see and taste.

Free on-site parking. Some stall holders will be taking card payments only. There are no cash machine available.

Tickets will support the charitable work of the Hawk Conservancy Trust.

Tickets: £3.50 online | £4 on the door

<https://www.hawk-conservancy.org/events/christmas-market/>

In September 2024, your Anna Councillors visited the Hawk Conservancy and presented a cheque for £500 to support Dreamnight, an event that offered more than 300 children with challenging lives in Hampshire to be treated to a special evening event at the Hawk Conservancy Trust.

Maureen managed to hold the vulture and the cheque whilst we were both battling the windy weather to get a photograph.



Cllr Susanne Hasselmann, cllrhasselmann@testvalley.gov.uk

Cllr Maureen Flood, cllrmflood@testvalley.gov.uk

Update from Hampshire County Council – November 2024

Cabinet decides on County Council services for the future

With the future of some Hampshire local services in the spotlight, the County Council's Leader and Cabinet have carefully considered proposals relating to Household Waste Recycling Centres, passenger transport services, School Crossing Patrols, and homelessness support services after careful consideration of consultation feedback and examination of every possible option to help balance residents' needs against the Council's future financial pressures.

See also HCC Future Services Q&A which is attached.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20241410FutureServicesfinaldecisions>

Don't miss out – sign-up for Holiday Activities and Food this Christmas

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is back for Christmas - bringing festive fun and support to families most in need during the school holidays

HAF providers in Hampshire are now taking bookings and families are being encouraged to secure their spot to ensure children don't miss out.

As part of the County Council's [connect4communities programme](#), this Christmas, almost 120 sites across Hampshire will be running HAF schemes, offering free enriching activities and wholesome food each day for those receiving benefits-related free school meals during term time and other vulnerable school-age children. As well as enjoying hot nutritious meals, children are encouraged to be active by participating in sports and spending time outdoors, and to try their hand at a range of activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, games and free play.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/241016HAFChristmas>

Have your say on local cycling and walking plans for the northern Test Valley area



Anyone who lives, works, visits or commutes in the northern Test Valley area is being invited to give their views on new walking and cycling proposals

As part of a consultation by Hampshire County Council, which runs until Sunday 17 November 2024, feedback is being sought on the draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for the area.

The aim of the LCWIP is to help identify areas which have the greatest potential for improving routes to make cycling and walking easier and more appealing – particularly for local journeys, encouraging people to leave the car at home.

Feedback on the routes and areas proposed in the consultation can be provided via the online survey on the County Council's website. See here:-

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/ow-northern-testvalley-lcwip>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20241021TVBCLCWIPPR>

National Care Leavers' Week – celebrating 18 months of positive change for Hampshire care leavers

With National Care Leavers' Week (28 October to 3 November) starting today, Hampshire County Council is highlighting the work of the inspiring care leavers helping to make a difference to others like them across the county

In the last 18 months, and in response to feedback from over 230 children and young people in Hampshire's care, the local authority's Care Experienced Adults (CEA) Council has been busy delivering on its key priorities to:

- Reduce the stigma in schools for children in care
- Provide better recognition of children and young people's individual achievements
- Review and improve housing options for young people aged 16 and over
- Improve how the County Council communicates with and responds to young people.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20241028careleaversweek>

Help us to make it easier to walk and cycle in Hampshire

Residents are being asked to help Hampshire County Council identify locations where physical barriers make it awkward and challenging to walk, cycle, wheel or scoot

The survey, which is open until Sunday 22 December 2024, seeks feedback to help pinpoint locations where there are obstacles, such as bollards, that make getting around difficult for people who have restricted mobility and need to use a mobility scooter, or for those pushing prams or riding cargo bikes for example.

Feedback can be provided via the online survey on the County Council's website.

We want people to tell us where there are:-

- Crossing points that are difficult to use because they don't have dropped kerbs and tactile paving
- Dropped kerbs which are not level with the road
- Staggered or chicane barriers
- Bollards placed too closely together
- Pavements made narrow by items such as guard railings, lampposts and signposts
- Misleading or unnecessary cycle signs and where new or additional cycle parking may be needed

Responses to the survey will help the County Council to secure the funding to make improvements to roads and pavements by providing evidence to support applications for Government funding, or in negotiating contributions from developers building new housing developments.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20241101SurveyWalkCycleBarriers>

Grants available to local organisations to help Hampshire go Smokefree by 2030

As part of Hampshire County Council's drive to reduce the harm caused by smoking in local communities, a series of grants are to be awarded to the county's district and borough councils, as well as to voluntary, community, and social enterprise organisations, to help people quit smoking for good

Grants of up to £50,000 each are available from the Local Authority to support action to tackle smoking, from November 2024 to March 2028.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/241101smokinggrants>

[David Drew](#)

[Test Valley Central Division, HCC](#)

APPENDIX B

Date: 01/11/2024

Abbotts Ann Parish Council

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Time: 16:56

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/10/2024
for Cashbook 1 - Lloyds Treasurers Account**

User: AMANDA

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Lloyds Treasurers Account	31/10/2024		79,415.62
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<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
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			<u>0.00</u>
			79,415.62
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			79,415.62
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	79,415.62
		Difference is :-	0.00