

# **BOSHAM PARISH COUNCIL WATER BAILIFF**

## **REPORT for Sep / Oct 2009**

### **Executive Summary**

**A total of 36.4 mm of rain fell in September** (43.1mm less than last year) and **111.8mm in October** (twice more than last year).

With the exception of one day (2<sup>nd</sup>) when the majority of rain fell (33.8mm) September was a dry and uneventful period for our team; with our main concern being not enough water flowing into the village. It should be noted with gratitude that the **EA** undertook a substantial amount of foliage clearance, most notably in Stumps Lane, Green's field and northwards toward the A259 and I toured the area checking for leakages. Water levels were so low that not even the Penstock field leak was spilling. Then...

**The highest daily total rainfall:** DW reported 37.7mm in the rain gauge on 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> October. According to his stats this is the highest daily total since he commenced record keeping in 2002. Most of it fell on two of our intrepid team members: Peter Price & Peter Newman who were completing the survey of Bosham lane whilst the jetter was here. I toured most areas and things were coping remarkably well, considering! PP reported the Sunny Way pooling looked as though it had NOT been solved, then all of a sudden it was. It must have been the jetter not quite - but - almost solving it, followed by the pressure of the puddles. Our sincere **thanks to WSCC Highways** for sending in the big Jetter, it was most fortunate timing!

**My thanks to several team members**, in particular **John Hinton** for restoring **the Trippet gate** (Appendix B) and to several others for sending in sightings of various activities; especially to Brian Currell concerning Old Bridge Meadow with concern about very low water, also that he had caught someone illegally fishing (the traditional remit of a "Water Bailiff" I understand!) After thorough questioning of two well known local poachers, I have my suspicions but nothing conclusive. I realise it's a serious matter so I shouldn't smile, but the words pot, kettle and Black come to mind in recalling myself as a seven year old hooking a few beauties. They say it takes one to catch one :o) Watch this space!

**Health & Safety:** On 7<sup>th</sup> Oct I attended a meeting of the Village Amenities Committee to report on activities and to discuss any concerns. It was decided that our Parish Council Chairman would write to the EA concerning the **spikes at the Moreton Road break**. These have now become so rusted and sharp that they represent an increased hazard. I have tried to remove them but do not have the right equipment. Please see Appendix A and be aware that children often paddle/play in this area (even though they shouldn't!).

**As we enter November** we begin with a storm warning for this week issued by the Met Office. PP and I have already put in quite a few hours (clearing ditches etc.) and despite yesterday's heavy rain there is as yet no significant increase in flow. More heavy rain is forecast. DW reports a blockage in the East ditch which I shall investigate and if possible clear a.s.a.p.

Anthony Black (Tony / AB)  
Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009

### Action, if required

Mr G Holder - Building Services, Chichester District Council  
Mr A Davison - Flood Defence Strategy, Environment Agency  
Mr M Ford - Environment Agency – Operations Delivery Tech Support  
Mr J Thomas - Wastewater Networks Western Area Manager, Southern Water  
Ms. Lisa Roberts – Bosham Parish Council Clerk

Mr R Riley – Chichester District Council  
Mr B Killner – Environment Agency – Operations Field Team Leader  
Mr S Johnson - Highway Network Services (Western Area), WSCC  
Mr A Adams - Sewerage Policy Manager, Southern Water

### Information

Mr J Hinton- Chairman, Bosham Association  
Mr P Price - Bosham Association  
Mr E Hinkley – Bosham Association

Mrs P West - Chairman, Bosham Parish Council  
Mr P Stern - Co-author Bosham Flood and Sewerage Report 2001  
Mr P Newman – Bosham Association

### Abbreviations:

<b>PP</b> - Peter Price	<b>PS</b> - Peter Stern	<b>DW</b> - Dave West	<b>EA</b> - Environment Agency
<b>HWYs</b> - Highways	<b>HW</b> - High Water	<b>BA</b> - Bosham Association	<b>CDC</b> - Chichester District Council
<b>PN</b> - Peter Newman	<b>JH</b> - John Hinton	<b>U/S</b> - Unserviceable	<b>AB</b> - Anthony Black (Tony) Author
<b>BPC</b> - Bosham Par Council	<b>LR</b> - Lisa Roberts	<b>MM</b> - Mike McGrail	<b>MH</b> - Millstream Hotel

<b>Date</b>	<b>Site/ Weather Situation</b>	<b>Observation</b>	<b>Action</b>
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	Very heavy rainfall	33.8mm reported by DW	None required. All is well
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Stumps Lane	EA clearing Churchfield Stream	Many thanks.
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep	Parish Council Office	Meeting with Parish Clerk.	General discussions.

Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	Old Bridge Meadow	Extremely low water	Checked northwards. Very low levels everywhere.
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	In conference with Dave West	Third Briefing, several topics.	Many thanks
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Bosham Lane. WSCC Jetter	Jetting on both sides. Very Heavy Rainfall	PP & PN conclude survey (in the rain!) See Appendix c
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Tour of most areas.	Very dry.	None possible.

**END OF REPORT**

## APPENDIX A



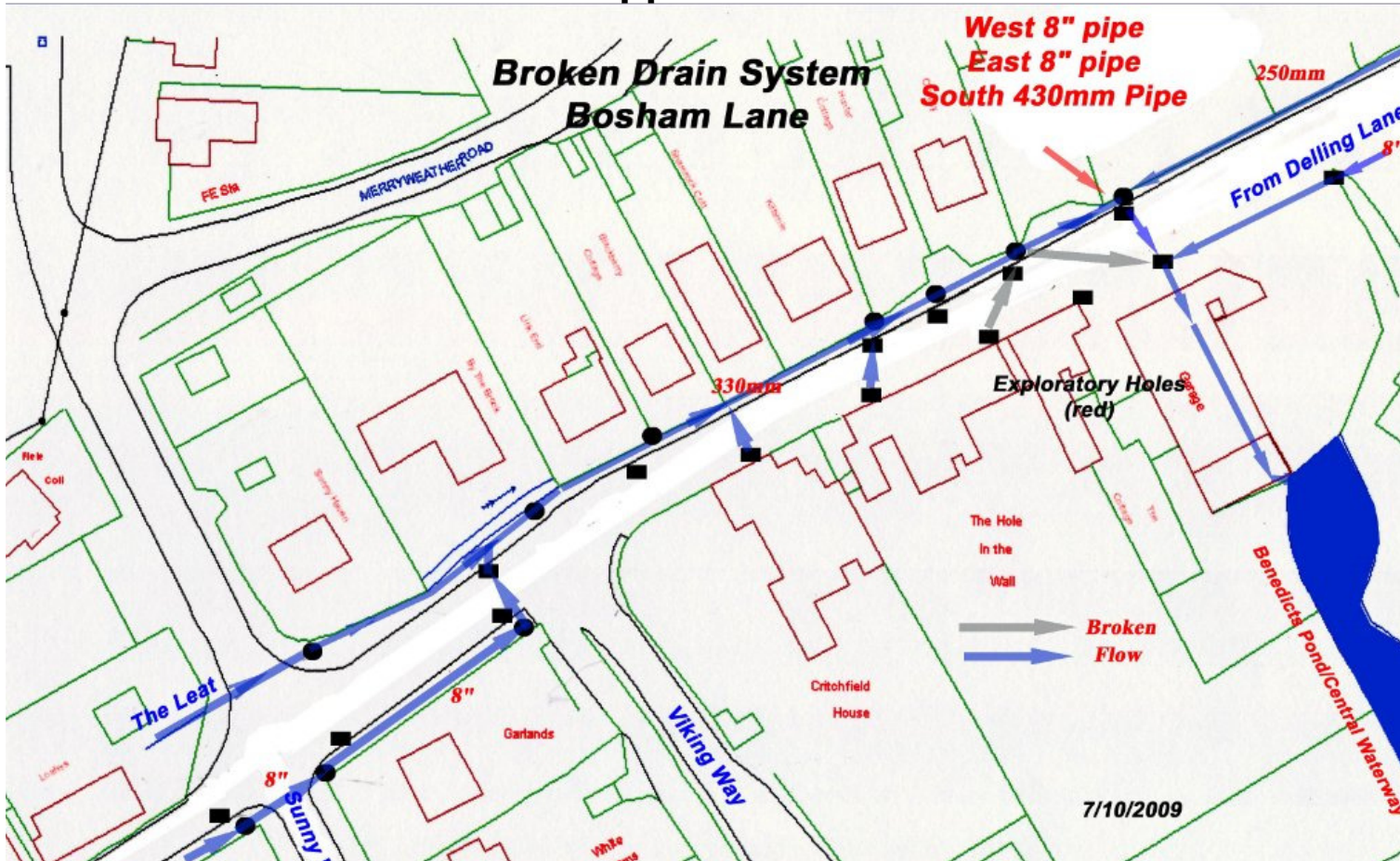
**Moreton Road Break - Spikes**

September 2009.

## Appendix B



# Appendix C



Latest survey – Bosham Lane (PP & PN)