

CCRiP Update

23th November 2025

1) Watercourse surveys

Sandbrook

The first survey has been carried out covering the river adjacent to Sandbrook Lane from Hewletts Mill to halfway from the Sandbrook bridge to the Brookhampton bridge. Survey completed 3rd November 2025.

Yarlington

To be scheduled, landowners contacted apart from a couple of domestic properties where access may be required through gardens.

South of Brookhampton

Landowner contacted and has responded agreeing to a survey being carried out. Date agreed and survey was carried out on the 19th November. Have sent further message to landowner regarding applying for a CFAF grant to clear debris from 2023 flood (see example below)



2) NFM projects progress

The planned work at Manor Farm Galhampton with the support of Wessex Water should be going ahead before New Year. Wessex Water has approved the project and a final agreement between Wessex Water and the landowner should be available shortly. Lorne Thompson of the Yeovil River Community Trust is preparing the project plan. The initial work will involve up to 25 leaky dams, work on the creation of a pond will be left to next year.

Following the meeting with EE and another adjacent landowner relating to land to the west of Sandbrook Lane held in September Lorne will be working on report. Although the land is owned by two parties, the nature of the geography will mean that the recommendations and work required will have to be covering all of the area as one project as actions on one parcel of land will have implications on the neighbours land.

There has been little progress on the Brookhampton Development plan as the developers are waiting for the completion of pre planning engagement with Somerset Planning. CCRiP is hoping that after the pre planning discussions with the developers that the suggestions put forward for NFM solutions in addition to the existing attenuation proposals will be include in the final plans.

3) Developing Relationships

Defra has put in place policies to encourage and fund smaller local flood management projects. Managed by the Environment Agency, this programme provides funding and guidance for projects that use natural processes to reduce flood risk. NFM measures in upper catchments typically include creating water storage areas, restoring habitats, planting woodland, and managing land use to reduce rapid runoff.

The EA has identified the upper reaches of the River Cam as a target area for this new approach and wishes to establish a Catchment Partnership to bring together stakeholders to develop and implement catchment plans. They use data and local expertise to identify priorities and deliver solutions that slow water flow and increase infiltration in the upper catchments. The Cam was identified as the EA wants to work with local groups and CCRiP was already in existence and making progress thanks to Lorne and Mareike's efforts over the last few years.

So the agencies and organisations that are now involved in the River Cam project are :

Environment Agency
Cam Community River Project (CCRiP) (as part of the Yeovil Rivers Community Trust)
Somerset Rivers Authority
The Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG)
Wessex Water

The next stage is to create a process for sharing information and co-ordinating plans.

4) Highways

Initial conversations have been had with John Nicolson of the Highways Agency regarding the possibility of flood berms to redirect flood waters along Sandbrook Lane.

5) Meeting with EE

On 3rd November 2025 we met with Zoe Young to:

- Update her on CCRiP progress with other landowners
- The developing structure to the Cam Catchment Partnership
- The need to coordinate any work to be carried out to ensure it is within the overall plan and objectives
- Who is responsible for infrastructure projects undertaken by EE.