

Area: FR/03/S041 – Middle Yare
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10th April 2017

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Dear Parish Chairman

Summary of our proposed work

We are writing to let you know about the work that we have carried out within your parish over the past twelve months, the reasons for the work and news of any future planned work.

Your Parish falls within a system which runs from Trowse Mill to the Confluence with the River Tiffey, with Trowse Mill acting as the tidal limit of the River Yare.

This system comprises of 64Km of maintained channel and 1.5Km of culverted channel. Major electrical automatic assets include Trowse Sluices, Cringleford Sluices and Keswick Mill Sluice

Regular inspections of these assets are essential to ensure they perform well during a flood. These inspections identify any maintenance of the watercourse which is essential to ensure flows are conveyed effectively; however this has to be carefully managed in line with our environmental responsibilities.

Work completed from April 2016 to March 2017

We carried out maintenance works on the watercourse to maintain conveyance within the channel. This included weed cuts by hand, boat and Truxor and targeted cut and clear maintenance works.

This type of activity is an integral part of the maintenance for the river system. The system has a high flood risk potential and while we do not always anticipate major clearance works to be required on an annual basis, the river system is included within our incident response patrolling network. This work includes checking and reacting to potential flood risk issues such as blockages to the channel.

Work planned for 2017/2018

Over the next twelve months we plan to carry our targeted maintenance and blockage removal as required, as well as responsive patrolling at times of increased risk of flooding. This is to ensure conveyance in the channel is maintained, reducing the potential for flooding.

Detailed below is our planned work for the Middle Yare river system; however this is subject to change due to incident response and other programming pressures that can sometimes delay or postpone works.

Quarter 1 (April – June)

- No works planned

Quarter 2 (July – September)

- Marlingford Mill to Bawburgh Weed Cut
- Chapelbreak Road to Colney Weed Cut
- Colney to Cringleford Mill Weed Cut
- Cringleford Mill to Keswick Mill Weed Cut

Quarter 3 (October – December)

- Cringleford Mill to Keswick Mill Weed Cut
- Keswick Mill to Trowse Mill Weed Cut
- Hales Watercourse Weed Cut

Quarter 4 (January – March)

- No works planned

Our programme of planned work can also be found on our gov.uk website; <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/river-and-coastal-maintenance-programme>. This programme is updated regularly.

We have attached a factsheet for the planned pieces of work mentioned above, that are taking place within your Parish. These factsheets provide more information on the type of work we do.

Our surveyors will continue to inspect the river over the next year and should any work be required, this will be completed ahead of any programmed work. We will continue to send factsheets for this work and make every effort to keep you informed.

We hope the information above is of interest to you and would welcome any comments or questions regarding the Environment Agency and our work.

Yours faithfully



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