

Briefing Note

- Roger managed to speak again last week with Rachel Paget of the Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust. She has still not yet caught up with Glyn Wells of the Environment Agency but promises to try and get a decision by the 24th November. (on what, if any, any in-stream work the EA intend to carry out in the Tanyard stream in the Abbey Rd section this winter). She hopes they will agree to not do any work at all. If they agree to that, then she suggests that we apply for an exemption certificate from the EA that would allow us to do some minimal vegetation clearance from the stream banks if needed. Roger will update everyone as he hears more.
- Roger has requested information regarding Tree reports that relate to the trees within the Abbey Road site from the Office. Also, he states it has emerged that the Parish Council commissioned a tree/shrub planting scheme for Abbey Rd from Philip Clay (local resident, architect and naturalist) at the time when Marlene Carmen was active here , probably in the early 1990's. He has spoken with Philip , but unfortunately, he has disposed of his copy, so he was hoping that SPC may have a file copy of this. Cllr Gordon Marshall (now passed away) was also involved at the time. Philip remembers helping the tree planter setting out the trees for planting. It would be so useful to see a copy of this. - The Office has not as yet found this document unfortunately
- The second session of the AR Conservation Volunteers set for Tues 24th Nov has been postponed because of the increased Covid restrictions. They have moved it to Tues 15th December. FYI the one after that will be Sat 23rd Jan.
- The recent rains have filled the pond to the highest-level Roger has seen; even higher than when they first looked at it in February. (see pic) It is now at least 16" deep at his measuring point. It's too early to say whether our work will have any long-term effect on water levels, but it's good to see open water there for probably for the first time in 10+ years.
- Surprisingly, a large horse has been ridden around the path at the back of the pond recently, leaving deep hoofprints. Hopefully this was a one-off, but if repeated, a notice may be needed.

