

River Chess, Scotsbridge Mill, Rickmansworth

Information on work to reduce the risk of flooding from millstream

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The River Chess upstream of Scotsbridge Mill overtopped its banks in early 2014 causing flooding which impacted Park Road and houses in the area. Since then the Environment Agency have been working with local landowners and have already carried out works to support the river bank. The millstream upstream of Scotsbridge Mill is currently full of silt and tree branches which need to be removed to further reduce the risk of flooding. A contract to remove the silt and manage the trees has now been awarded to Land & Water Services Ltd.



The works are due to commence on Tuesday 13 January 2015. The first works to be done will be to establish the site compound followed by tree management. Silt and reed removal will begin around 26 January 2015. The completion date, weather permitting, is 17 February 2015.

The material removed from the millstream needs to be taken off site for disposal as sample testing has shown it to be too rich in nutrients to be spread on adjacent farmland. This will involve lorry movements along Park Road and Scots Mill Lane. It is envisaged there will be around 20 lorry movements on a working day and the impact will be minimised so far as possible.

Residents are advised that cars parked at the junction of Copthorne Road and Park Road may impede access for lorries to the site. We ask that this location be kept clear of vehicles while the work is taking place so that the planned schedule can be delivered.

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