

## Highnam Flood Warden update November 2022

Hello all, please see a brief update below from me as my capacity of flood warden.

As we head to the rainy winter season (hasn't it been wet!) we are beginning to see some local flooding issues raising their heads again.

Thankfully, one of the more concerning ones has been resolved recently.

This is the flooding at the Highnam traffic lights. It was a long process due to various entities struggling to work out where and what needed doing and by who. Thanks to Gloucestershire Highways for doing to works, you may have spotted them as they shut the road on several evenings in early/mid November. Thanks also to Councillor Phil Awford for continuing to push the flooding agenda to the relevant people.

A few outstanding issues remain, and I'll give you a brief update on these.

The small flood at the bottom of Over Farm drive into the bus lane is being resolved soon if all goes well. National Highways have had issues with contractors signing off work without fully completing what they have been contracted to do. The local area manager is on the case and hopefully the 'Maxi Channels' will be cleared soon. The farm will continue to sweep the drive to prevent silt clogging up the channels where possible.

Investigations to reduce the flooding at Linton is ongoing. There are suggestions of fitting a larger culvert near/between the two bus stops and maybe an improved one further down at Linton Lodge through Linton farm too. Everything is still in planning however, and the practical challenges to carry out the works are significant.

If you have noticed a repeated incident of flooding, in the first case, reach out to the relevant authority. Generally, this will be [Gloucestershire Highways](#) for roads ([National Highways](#) for the A40) and the [Environment Agency](#) for surface flooding.

With reference to this winter:

Driving through floodwater?

Beware! the leading cause of death during flood events is doing exactly that...

[Check out this handy guide here](#) if you really must.

Did you suffer with the floods? Was your house flooded or your access blocked by the water? Please raise the issue using the [Flood Online Reporting Tool](#).

This helps the local authorities build a picture of the local issues and will allow resources to be directed to try and fix the issues in future. The more responses, the more it will highlight problem areas.

Want to plan for the future?

Are you; a pensioner, disabled, suffer from impaired communication, have children under 5 or are pregnant? Sign up under the priority services register to receive priority support in emergencies. [Follow the guidance here](#), or sign up with your utility providers.

Consider following the pointers in [this booklet](#), sign up for flood warnings with [the Environment Agency](#) or create your own [personal flood plan](#).

A [useful tool to check river levels](#) is available that will help if you use the A417 to Maisemore regularly and want to see if it is likely to be open.