

HPR Drainage Trial October 2016

Flooding on Hunts Pond Road allotments has been a problem for many years after prolonged periods of rain, so we decided to try and do something about it with the committee's approval. Rows 32,33,34 and 35 is an area often badly affected by flooding, so it was here we decided to make a start. Work started on 12th October and was completed by the 15th October!

The pictures below show you some of the stages of installation.



Drainage pipe safely stored in the new Site Hut.



Alastair digging the trenches.



Installing the membrane.



Gravel on site, we started with 15 1 ton bags and finished with just half a bag!



Installing the inspection chambers.



Installing the perforated land drain, well it would be, but we've all gone to tea!



Topping up with gravel.

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John Lawrence having a breather, maybe gravel is heavier than manure!



Land drain piped to ditch.



Path between rows 32 & 33 now back filled.



Our labour force! See below.

The picture above from left to right: Ken Simmons, Alastair Burnett, Nigel Rogers, Norman Hatch, Pat Bune, Phil Lever (not a plot holder but is a friend of Keith and Sue and kindly offered to help), Keith Wearn, Keith Johnson, Ted Weager and Andrew Parker.

There were other plot holders not in picture who also helped out, they are: Sue Johnson (taking photo), John Lawrence, Tony Simpson, Barney Spraggs, Ian McCabe and David Sharpe (hopefully we haven't missed anyone).

None of this drainage installation would have been possible without their help!

Hopefully, we can now look forward to plots on rows 32, 33, 34 & 35 being much drier in the future?