

Hunts Pond Rd Drainage Proposal.

Last winter many plots on HPR have been waterlogged, as a result, some plot holders have given up and many are very frustrated at losing winter crops, so much so that many will not plant over wintering crops unless something is done.

It wasn't until mid-April that a lot of plot holders could get on their plots, some not until May.

Site managers have been asked many times what is being done to improve the situation?

The rows between 24 – 34 do flood regularly, therefore it's here we need to make a start to see if we can improve the drainage.

Between rows 24 and 34 there are 6 gates, we propose to dig **3** trial ditches along the main path and install French drains to the ditch that runs along the east boundary. At each plot we can install a junction that plot holders can link into at their expense.

We would commence this work with voluntary labour during September/October.

Approximate costing as follows: £1715.

We would then monitor the results over the Winter of 2016/17, the Summer of 2017 and the Winter of 2017/18. If the result is successful, we will be asking the WWAA to fund an additional 3 rows.

Special Note:

This proposal was agreed by the WWAA at the committee meeting on 12th May.