

# Autumn Brief

## Maintenance

It has been an unusual year, but in spite of the challenges due to Covid, over the summer and autumn the Environment Agency (EA) has carried out the usual maintenance activities along the Holderness Drain and River Hull catchments.

### Activities of specific interest in your Parish:



### In September, the EA successfully carried out maintenance along Weel Road - at night!

Carrying out maintenance along Weel Road has proven difficult over the years due to the size of our machinery, the nature of the road and the volume of traffic experienced during the day. The safest way for our operatives to carry out this work out was to close Weel Road at night. It is quicker and produces less inconvenience for drivers during the day. The trial has been deemed a success and going forward the EA hopes to do this every year.

### Beverley and Barmston Drain weed clearance by excavator

For the first time in seven years the EA have managed to gain access to East Riding Council at Annie Reed Road, by collaborative working the EA and ERYC have established a way forward that allows us to carry out vital weed clearance on Beverley and Barmston drain.



**River Hull** – The EA Field Operations successfully felled a tree north of Hull Bridge that was hindering access for maintenance, affecting conveyance and encroaching onto the public walkway.



## **Dredging / De-silting Programme for River Hull**

As mentioned in our previous briefing note, in order for us to gauge whether wide scale dredging or a targeted de-silting programme is appropriate and cost efficient along the River Hull we are procuring bathymetric surveys. The bathymetric survey would show us the bed level of the river and allow us to ascertain areas that may be constricted by either the bed or accumulated sediment which could be disproportionately affecting conveyance along the watercourse. We also wish to validate anecdotal evidence of cills, humps or obstructions in the river which are restricting conveyance.

Our team can confirm that the survey work has been procured and the contractor is finalising plans to undertaking the work. Currently we are anticipating that the survey will be carried out during the months of December and January, the project completion date is end of January. However, this will be dependent on weather and pandemic conditions.

Once we receive the data, there will be a period of interrogation and interpretation, after this period we will look to share our findings.

## **Repair work**

After the rains of 2019/2020 it was noted that investigative and remedial works were required along the flood wall along Weel Road and the Crown and Anchor pub. Our team can confirm that these works are underway.

## **Collaborative Working**

Every quarter we meet with ERYC and IDB alongside project managers of major flood scheme projects such as the Holderness Drain Scheme and the pump refurbishments of Wilfhome and Hempholme Pump Stations. Both of these programmes are progressing despite a challenging year due to Covid.