

Riparian ownership – Help prevent the risk of flooding in your Area !

Although small, the Woodridings Stream is nevertheless a watercourse that can cause flooding if it is not looked after properly. If you have the Woodridings Stream running through your garden in Hatch End , you are the riparian owner of the stream and have an obligation to keep the banks and river bed free of overgrown vegetation and detritus, such as litter, loose bricks or other building material. This will help prevent damming of the stream causing flooding upstream or rubbish being washed downstream with similar effect. This is especially important during the heavy leaf-fall in Hatch End.

To understand the rights and obligations of riparian owners you can download a very useful booklet called 'Living on the Edge' from the Environment Agency website:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/31626.aspx>

The roads most likely to have riparian owners and to suffer the effects of blockages are:- Hillview Road and Hillview Close. White Craig Close and the north side of Royston Park Road , parts of The Avenue and the end of Nugents Park

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