

## West Manhood Drainage Improvement Group

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The drain along Blackhouse Lane is not flowing freely, holding back ground water in fields to the South and West. The farmers need to re open this so will need to remove recent tree growth between the footpath and the ditch.

I have suggested that after September this would be good news but seek the PC resolve to proceed and try to keep a clear verge for future maintenance. Note that the pumped rising foul drain runs under this path.

The stream runs through a pipe under the footpath and then through the rear of gardens in the Spinney before entering the Pond.

These owners have in various ways tried to reclaim the Rife as garden by restricting the flow with a timber canal, woodchips, grass cuttings etc. This will result in flooding that could effect the foul system to the village as well as local rainwater flooding. This is a breach of Riparian responsibilities.