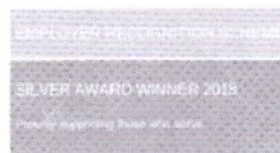
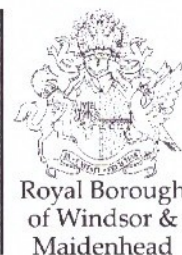


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Dear Resident,

Re: Riparian Responsibilities for the Wraysbury Drain

We are contacting all landowners adjacent to the Wraysbury Drain watercourse to seek your co-operation in ensuring that water can flow freely along the watercourse.

Please disregard this letter if your property does not include or abut the Wraysbury Drain.

'Riparian landowners' have associated rights and responsibilities to maintain the watercourse, details of which can be found on the gov.uk website - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse#owners-your-responsibilities>.

Whilst the council acknowledges the historic legislation relating to the Wraysbury Drain, the watercourse is an ordinary watercourse under the Land Drainage Act 1991 and the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

What are we asking landowners to do?

- Remove from the watercourse and its banks any obstructions that have originated from your property such as overhanging vegetation, fallen trees or general rubbish.

What will the council do?

- The council, as Lead Local Flood Authority, will co-operate with and advise riparian landowners in managing the watercourse.
- The council will use its consenting and enforcement powers under the Land Drainage Act 1991, when appropriate, to maintain the proper flow of water in the Drain.
- The council will also carry out works as necessary, including weed-spraying in priority areas, to assist riparian owners. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation the weed spraying has been rescheduled for 2021.

If there is anything additional which we need to be aware of then please let us know.

Kind Regards

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