

Boylestone Parish Council

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Dear Parishioner,

DITCH MAINTENANCE

Following our April letter regarding ditches and verges and concerns expressed by those attending the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th April 2024, the Parish Council has set up a Ditch Maintenance Working Group to review the ditches in and around the village.

This Group will aim to identify ditches that once cleared, will aid water drainage from the highway, which should improve road safety. Unfortunately, the Parish Council budget is limited however and this does mean that certain works may have to be prioritised according to need. The work will also in no way negate landowners' riparian responsibilities for the future upkeep and maintenance of these ditches.

We are very grateful that Selwyn Adams has agreed to lead this Working Group and he has already been drawing on his many years of experience in Civil Engineering to survey and assess the ditches and gullies/drains around the village.

Selwyn, whilst familiar with Twisses Bank and New Road, has now asked for your assistance in identifying blocked ditches that cause water to come onto the highway in other parts of the village. Please would you email Boylestoneparish2@btinternet.com with the location and details of any areas/ditches of concern.

Any additional "inside" knowledge of gullies/drains and "historical" issues may also prove useful so please either email the above or speak with any member of the Parish Council or Selwyn.

For this stage of the project may we please have **your comments by 9th June 2024**.

We will keep you updated on the Group's activities and will no doubt be asking for further assistance as the project develops.

Very many thanks.

Helen Walker

Chair, Boylestone Parish Council