

Monthly report	
Subject:	Drainage of Lower Craggs Woods
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Work on the eastern end of the Lower Craggs Woods drainage scheme which was started in early February and halted by Stirling Council due to adverse weather emergency work (see last month’s report), restarted on 12th February as promised.

Existing ditches have been cleared and some have been concrete canvas lined. The ditch running by 3 properties has seen significantly increased water flow since. There are a few low points which will be monitored during heavy rainfall and if the ditch is overtopped by the water, additional lining may be added. Soil in parts of the woods can be seen to be drying out, but elsewhere there is still standing water and areas of bog. A request has been made to Stirling Council to have these swamp areas taped off and/or a warning notice put up.

The attenuation ponds could not be completed at this time, discussion is on-going as to whether local volunteers could create these.

If the private eastern burn cannot cope with the increase in water flow, water may need to be diverted to the Stirling Council managed western burn. However the culvert under Ancaster Road needs to be increased in size first before more water can be directed to that burn. This is under consideration.

The drains in Ancaster Road by the bowling green have been causing flooding problems for some time. Recently the Flooding Team and Roads team reprioritized and this issue which has now been resolved. As a result, the pipe causing the flooding has now been jetted and the CCTV camera which was sent down to the grille at the bottom of the bowling green indicated all was now clear. Since then there have been no further problems.