

## What can be done?

From the foregoing and in opinion of author there should be *ongoing* engagement with the multiple stakeholders including:

**SCC:** Local Community Networks (LCNs), Highways, Climate, Flooding & Environment etc

**Environment Agency**

**Yeovil Rivers Community Trust** ([YRCT](#))

**Parrett Catchment Project** ([PCP](#))

**Somerset Water Management Partnership** ([SWMP](#))

**Highways Agency:** impact from A303 runoff etc

**Insurance:** [Flood Re](#) is a joint Government and insurance industry initiative to enable you to find affordable insurance for qualifying properties that are at risk of flooding or have been flooded.

**Parish** (including neighbouring parishes)

**Wessex Water**

**Landowners:** adding dry ponds, impact from ploughing and other practices

**Adding dry ponds** (aka detention/attenuation ponds) in scheme with Landowners and EA/SCC could help both locally and further downstream. With other wildlife and environmental benefits.

**SCC** should reinstate more regular clearing of gullies – to annual

**Gully tops** need frequent (but irregular) clearance. Perhaps Parishes should take formal responsibility in conjunction with residents? E.g. “adopt a gully” scheme?

**Tree Planting Schemes** could be considered to help water soak in the ground etc. With other wildlife and environmental benefits.

**Residents:** typically have a poor understanding of matters including

**Planning** inc Driveways, septic tanks/STP, changes to flood defences that might impact others etc

**Riparian Rights**

**Sewage** inc septic tanks, STP, drainage fields/soakaways/outlets to waterways

**Minor schemes** that could help (not requiring planning): e.g. humps to divert runoff from running into property, temporary flood barriers

**SCC should take a lead role** in educating residents, coordinating with all stakeholders, issuing general and specific advice etc

**Detention/attenuation ponds**

Based on total catchment area draining to Blackford Bridge is believed to be approximately 1550 acres= approx. 627 hectares. Entire parish will be much greater.

Extreme rainfall up to 25mm in one hour will not normally cause a problem locally (may still cause problems further downstream).

Unusual and excess rainfall greater than 25mm in one hour is liable to cause issues

Detention/attenuation pond possible locations:

1. East Blackford: East Hall Cottages towards Maperton Dairy.
2. East Blackford: West Hall Farmhouse to East Hall Farm
3. Central Blackford: North of church, Blackford Hollow to West Hall Farmhouse
4. Central Blackford: South of Manor Farm. Tennis courts to Sigwells road
5. East Compton Pouncefoot: Sigwells Road to Mill House
6. East Compton Pouncefoot: north Compton Castle lakes
7. East Compton Pouncefoot: west of Mill House towards Downyard
8. North Compton Pouncefoot: prior to A303 culvert
9. West Compton Pouncefoot: south Higher Farm to Manor Cottage

