



Laurence King – Principal Engineer

- Makes decision on which idea to progress, liaison with land agents, owners, other stakeholders and residents.
- Sets programme of delivery, monitors progress of determined stage deadlines.
- Approves tender documents, oversees tender return and evaluation.
- Approves design, some site supervision and agrees variations.
- Completes EA paperwork to claim grants and final audit return.

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Richard Bennett – Senior Engineer

- Leads on site surveying, produces CAD designs and prepares tender documents.
- Some customer liaison and site supervision.
- “As-built” surveys.
- Assists in deciding preferred method, timeframe and contract evaluation.

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Ben Holmes – Trainee Engineer

- Sends general correspondence.
- Carries out majority of general site inspections, producing a daily diary and progress photographs.
- Assists with resident enquiries.

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What are we delivering in the financial year 2010/2011?

Five early action schemes	£170k grant total
Five FDGiA schemes	£155k grant total
Three property level protection schemes	£228k grant total
Small capital schemes, funded by residents and WODC	£47k grant total
WODC owned ditch maintenance and riparian maintenance issues	£20k revenue expenditure
TOTAL	£620,000

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How did we know and decide what to submit for early action funding and delivery?

- Parish flood reports provided after July 2007 event.
- Grants received determined scale of projects.
- WODC carried out rapid, widespread local consultation to reiterate recommendations from parish reports and request any new suggestions, information or objections.
- Try to ensure schemes are locally supported as the best method, subject to budget and time constraints.
- Use persuasion rather than legislation when negotiating with landowners and agents.

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Delivery – practical deadlines

- Ensure close scrutiny of each stage of scheme is carried out and any obstructions to stage delivery are immediately raised and addressed.
- Know your limitations. Look at the teams skills, workload and motivation.
- Be decisive. Once you have a preferred method and design, stick to it!
- Communication – All involved parties must know where you are with their scheme, rather than late objections etc causing unexpected delays.

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What have WODC delivered as Early Action Schemes?

Five schemes in five different parishes.

All completed by January 2011

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Cassington

- £20k - Re-grading of existing ditch system, enhancement of existing attenuation pond, flow controls, earthen bund and tarmac ramp.



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Fordwells

- £30k - Creation of new attenuation area, highway drainage into private land and highway drainage improvements.



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Leafield

- £30k – Creation of swale, fitted drain and bund in private land and connection of a new carrier drain to highway drainage system via an interceptor.



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Weald Street, Bampton

- £50k – Laying of new land drains connecting into new attenuation area in private land. Scheme to be adopted by LLFA in 2011.



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Ramsden

- £40k – Reinstatement of lost field drainage ditches, new highway drainage and kerbing.



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What were the main problems?

- Negotiation with land owners agents and landowners.
- Doing enough to make a real difference with sums given. Cost of contractors, spoil removal and compensation.
- Putting other “day to day” work on the backburner to deliver in the set timeframe.

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What we would do differently?

- **Not a lot**
- **Be more adventurous with our future bids as confidence in the process, coupled with our skills has grown.**

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Have the schemes made a difference?

- We are sure that at least 15 specific properties have been removed from risk of flooding.
- One community hall has been removed from significant risk.
- Two community amenity fields now have adequate drainage and are not a risk to their neighbours by causing surface water flooding.

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