Help reduce flood risk in East Budleigh

What you should do as a riparian owner



Flooding can happen if riparian owners:

- Fail to keep vegetation growth under control
- Dispose of or store garden waste, domestic rubbish or similar material on the banks
- · Install pipes or culverts without getting the right permit

If an owner fails to do these things they may face legal action

Am I a riparian owner?

You're a riparian owner if the Budleigh Brook flows adjacent to or within any boundary of your land.

It is presumed that you own the land up to the centre of the Budleigh Brook, unless it is known to be owned by someone else.

I am a riparian owner. What do I need to do?

Some residents in East Budleigh have become concerned by the amount of vegetation growing in and near the Budleigh Brook, and the impact this could have on flooding in your community. There are things you should do to help.

I need to reduce the number of ornaments I've put in and near the channel, as they could affect the flow of the river.

Let's think about clearing our bit of the river. Any vegetation should be cut back to less than a third of the channel width.

We need to make sure we aren't storing any waste too close to the river bank where it may fall into the channel. It could block the river

We need to get a permit from the Environment Agency, before we carry out any works in or near the Budleigh Brook





Where can I get more information?

The guide 'Living on the edge' explains your rights and responsibilities of riverside ownership. Get a copy online at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/riverside-ownership-rights-and-responsibilities or phone 03708 506 506 to request a printed version.