Help reduce flood risk in East Budleigh

What you should do if you own a stretch of the Budleigh Brook



Flooding can happen if watercourse 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

Do Lown a watercourse?

You own a stretch of the Budleigh Brook:

- that runs on or under your land
- on the boundary of your land, up to the centre of the Budleigh Brook

The deeds for your property or land will tell you if this is not the case. Check your deeds if you are not clear about ownership.

I own a stretch of the Budleigh Brook. 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 'Owning a Watercourse' explains your rights and responsibilities of riverside ownership. Get a copy online at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse or phone 03708 506 506 to request a printed version.