

# We are improving this waterlogged ride

## *Why is this area of the ride waterlogged when it is at the top of a hill?*

Our on-site investigations have discovered banks and ditches but they were obscured by Blackthorn scrub and Bramble so the Friends Group help cut some of this area so it may be viewed and investigated further.

This is a complicated and historical sensitive area so we have researched the old historic boundaries of the site and had a site visit from the CBC Historic Environment Information Officer to interpret the earthworks so we can work without damaging the historic features or the ecology of the area.

## *We also discovered...*

The area which is water logging is where the old boundary ditch from the old fields has been filled in when the new woodland around Bluebell Wood was planted and the old field structure changed.

## *We will be...*

Installing three French Drains to stop the waterlogging of the ride. This is a method of installing semi-permeable pipes and stoning to collect the water and move it from the ride to dry it out.

The French Drains will be located across the ride; one in the line of the filled-in ditch which was part of the old field drainage ditch and another two in-line with the wettest and lowest points leading into the area.

We are not affecting the boundary banks of the Ancient Woodland or channelling large amounts of water into the woodland.

The drains will appear as stoned wide lines crossing the ride; the old ditch will be cleaned out with two pipes leading into it. Over time the lines will largely disappear as they weather and age.



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