

# Natural Flood Management - W4W

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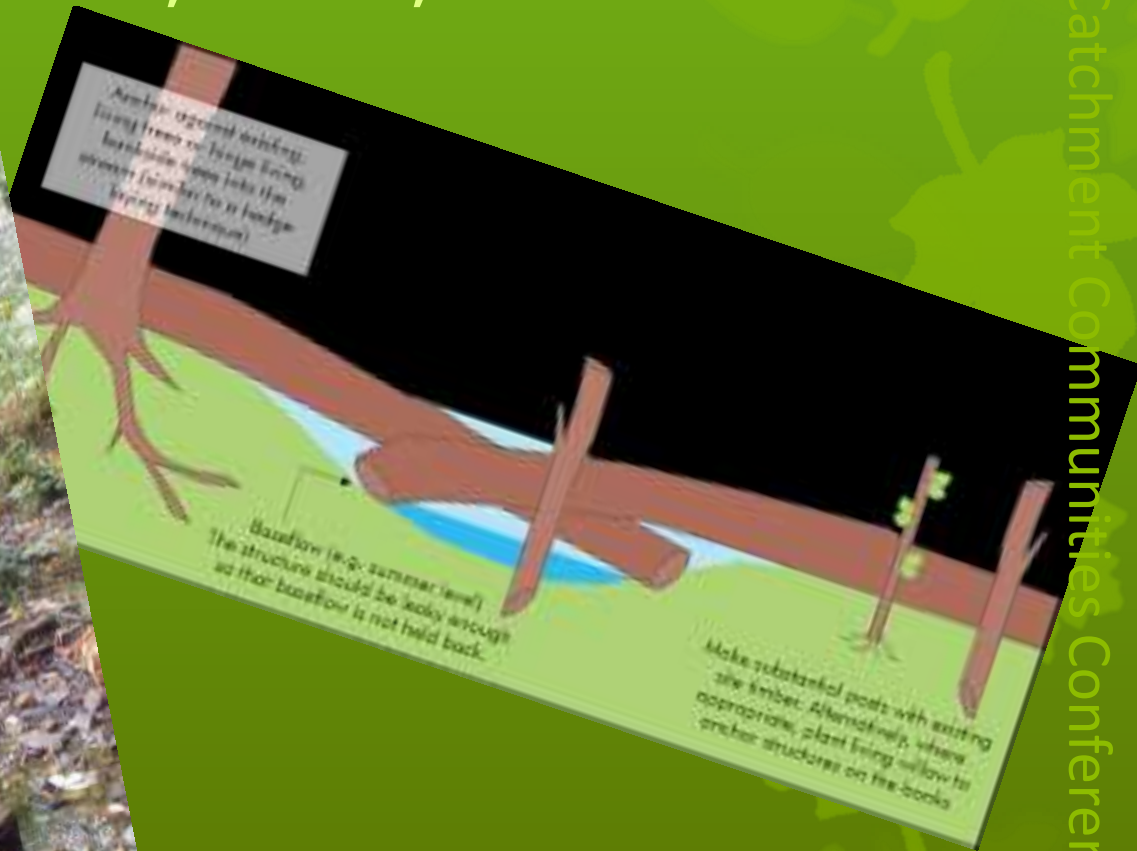


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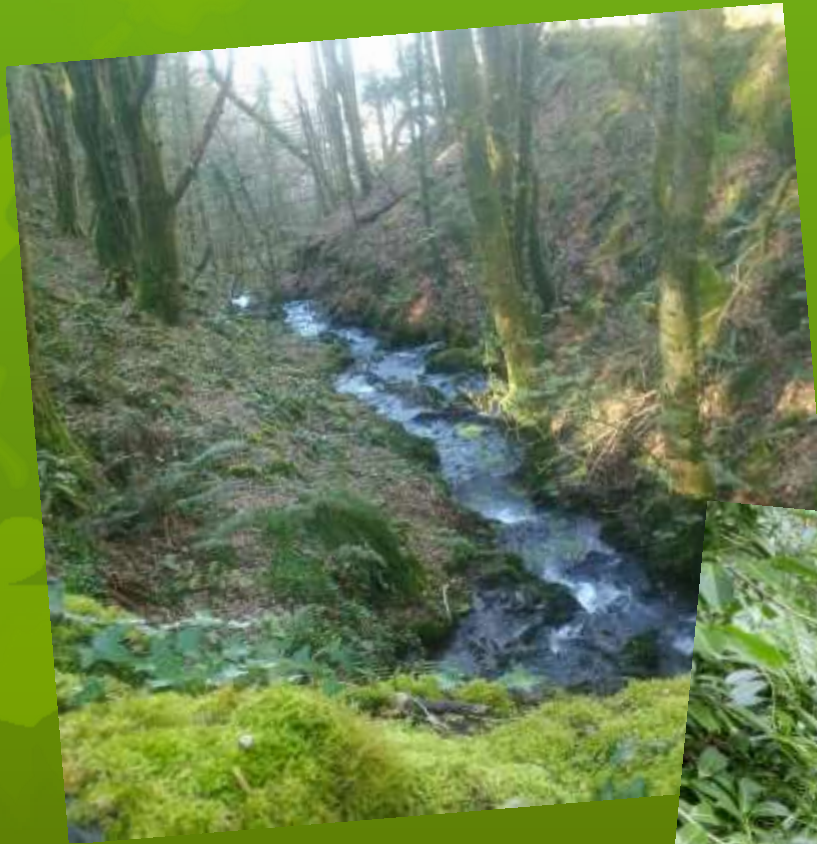


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# Reality in Blackdown Hills AONB...



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# W4W Deadline Early 2018 was...



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# Spring 2018 Gave us this - Twice...



# April 2018 Thaw meant... Ground Conditions really Improved...



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# Finally Late April 2018: Work gets under way...



**Fears for Nesting  
Birds and Chainsaws  
in April Unfounded**



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# Actual Time Line of Works

- Apr 22: **Spray off Brambles** - Rosate @ 320ml in 20L
- Apr 22: **Fell High/Over-hanging limbs**
- Apr 28 – May 7: **Fell Invasive Laurel**
- May 21: **Stump Treatment of Laurel** – Ecomax Plugs
- May 12 – June 8: **Chestnut Fencing Erected.**  
(6' Posts; 8' Strainers)



# No shortage of laurel to clear



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# Laurel Plugged:



# Spring Finally Sprung...for nearly a week!





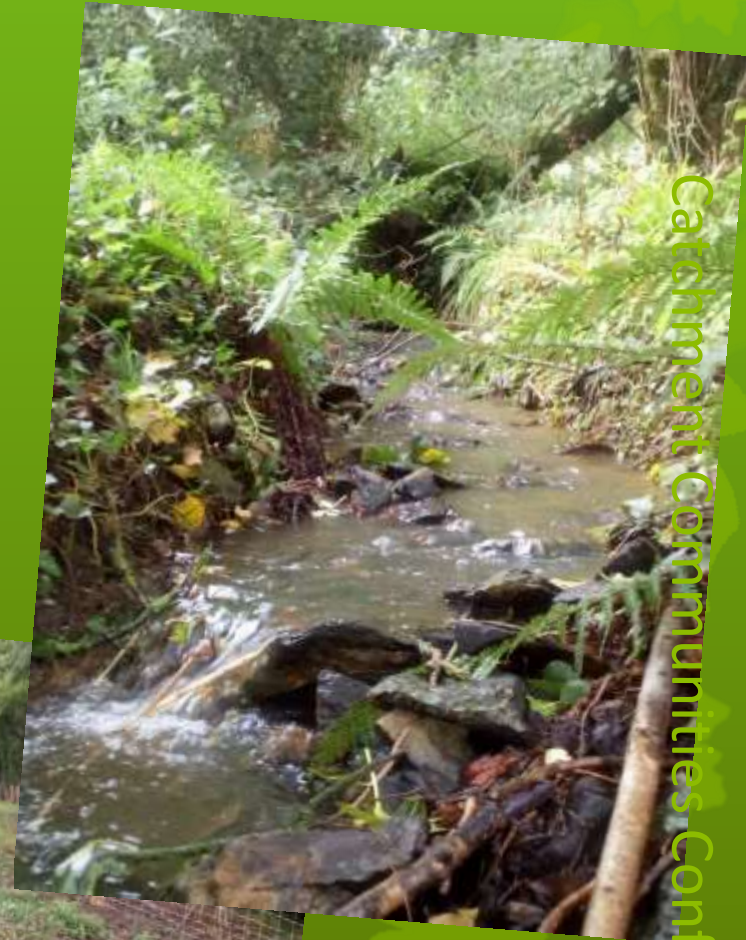
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# Post Match Analysis:

## Biggest Problems ☹️

- **Wet weather** persisting into April 2018 with resulting **Dangerous Ground Conditions** delaying works
- **Snow/Cold late March** killed off Bramble leaf and significantly delayed weed control prior works

## Biggest Pluses 😊

- **Grant co-ordinators Extremely Flexible** to accommodate weather delays.
- Grant **Payment very Prompt.**
- Smart new Fence



# The Cost taken for Granted...

- Fencing Materials (approx. 300m) @ £1641 incl vat
- Labour/Plant @ £3918 incl vat
- Grant @ £2316 no vat





# Biggest Lessons:

- It Can be Done
- Trust Each Other
- Follow Up will be Needed

# Was it Worth it?

