



Great Alne Flood Action Group

The Story So Far....

17th October 2025

Great Alne - A rural village somewhere in South Warwickshire

c390 Properties

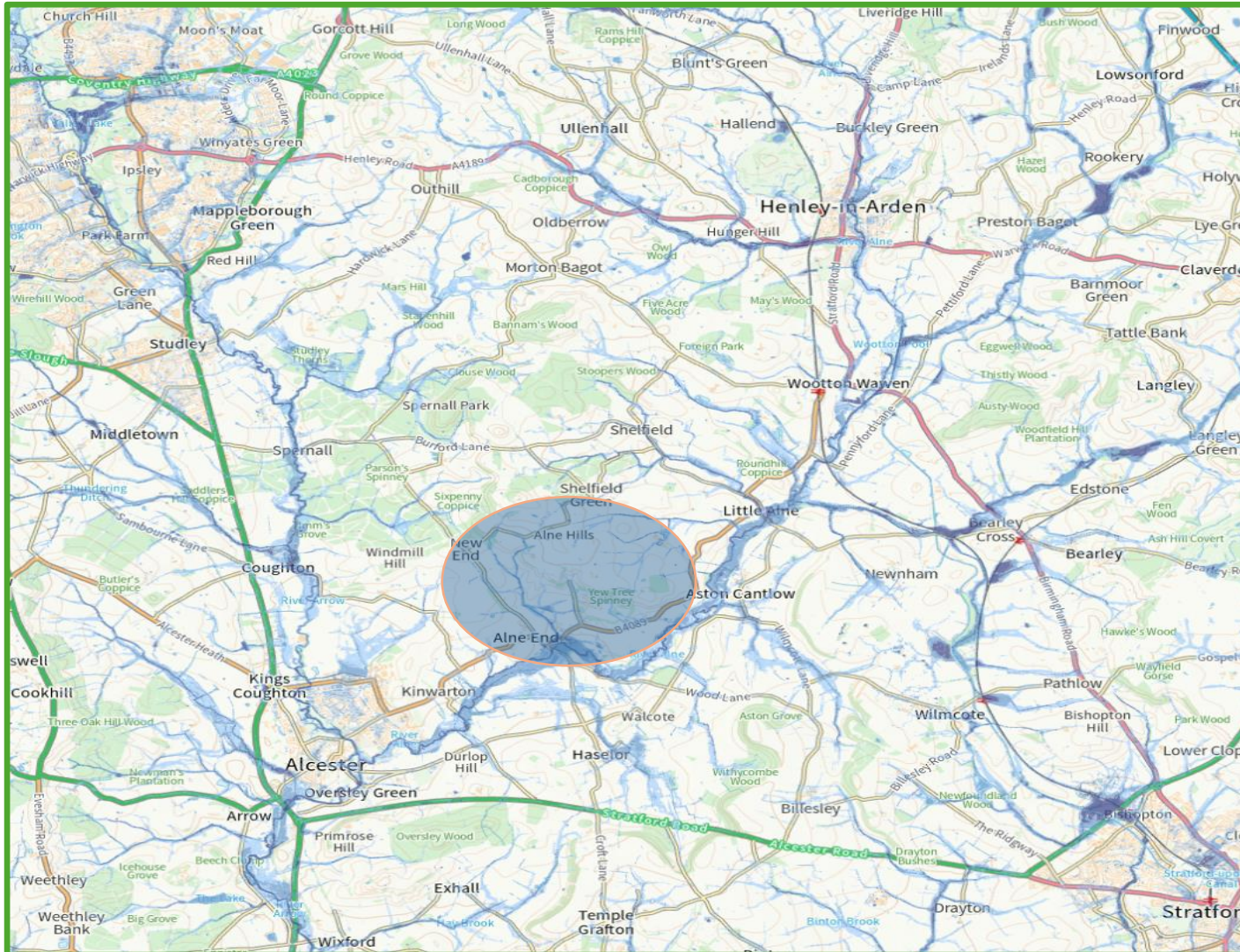
c600 Residents

Incorporates Great Alne
Park Retirement Village
(154, 341 when full)

Crossroads between Studley,
Stratford upon Avon, Alcester, and
Wootton Wawen



A Unique Topography



Parish covers
1764 acres

In the Middle of
Rolling Hills

Surrounded by
Agriculture

And in the Valley of
the River Alne

Huge River
Catchment Area

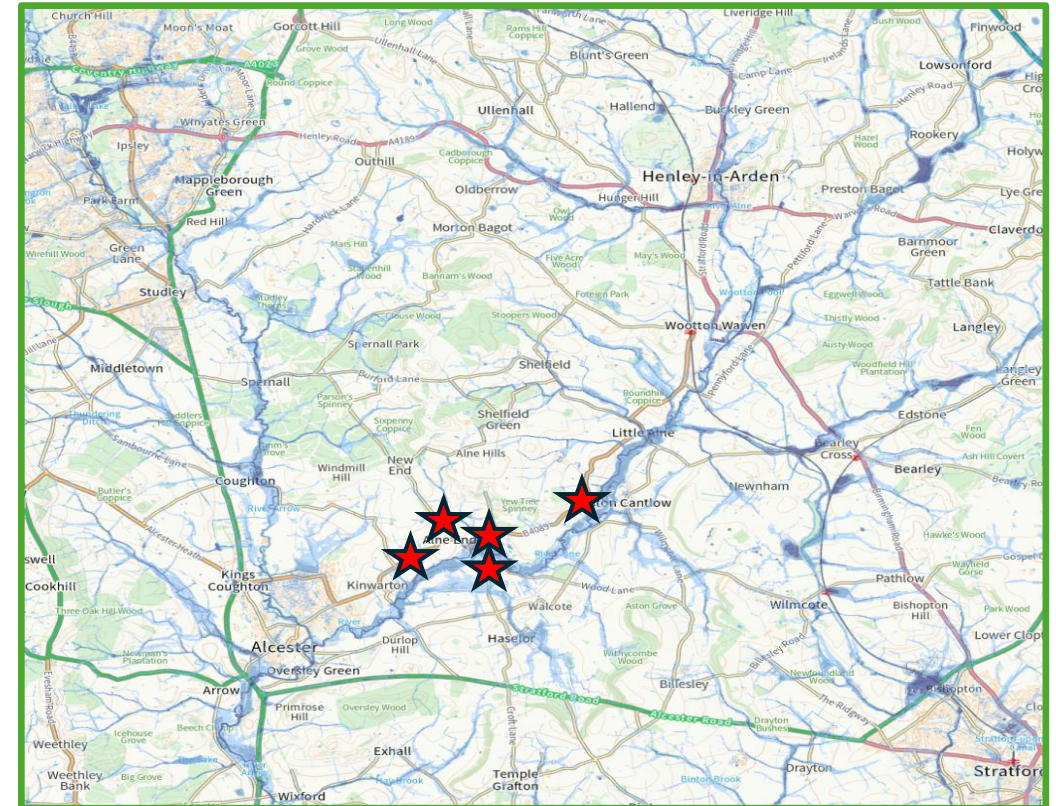
2023 GAPC - Community Survey

Key Issue - Vehicular Access - Flooding the Cause

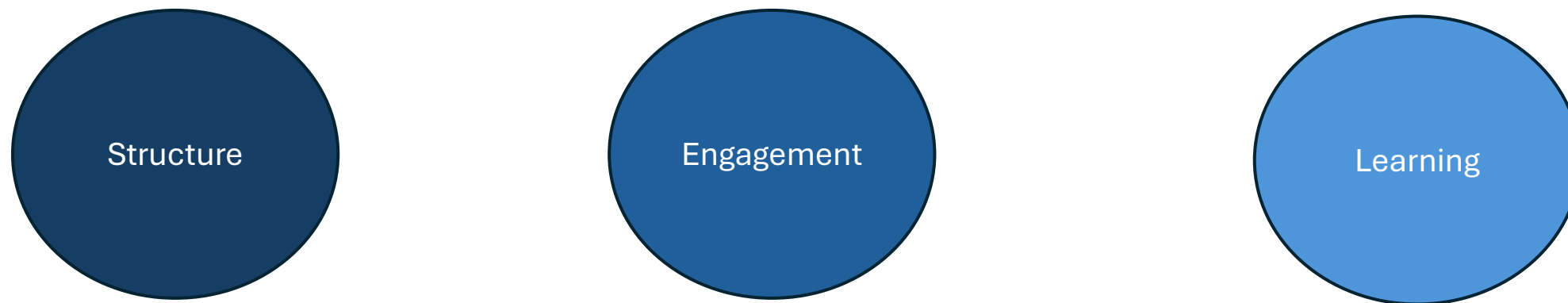
Great Alne Parish Council commissioned Flood Action Group (FLAG)

“ The Primary FLAG goal was to ensure access to the village in times of heavy rain, which would improve:

- School attendance levels,
- health workers and carers service delivery to the over sixties and extremely vulnerable,
- commuting to and from work,
- delivery of goods and services into the village,
- Public transport services,
- emergency service capabilities and
- profitability of village businesses”



Great Alne Parish FLAG Approach



Great Alne Parish FLAG - Structure

Structured
Delivery
Plan

Understand the Problem

Identify Root Causes and Flood Assets

Recruit and Train FLAG Volunteers and Identify Key Stakeholders

Develop Delivery Plan

Secure SDC CCC Funding (1st Release)

Benchmark Existing Performance

Manage Plan Delivery

Measure Physical Improvements

Report Activity, Results and Action Plans

Lessons Learned



Great Alne Parish FLAG – Engagement

Secure and
Maintain
Stakeholder
Commitment

Identify All Key Stakeholders and secure ongoing commitment

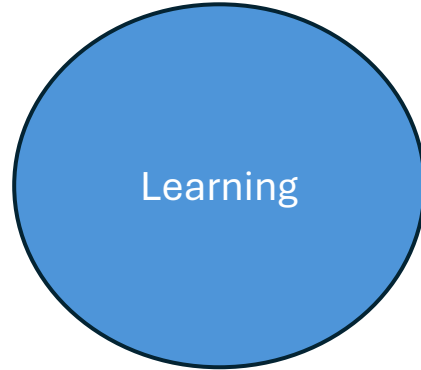
Agree Stakeholder Roles, Responsibilities and Deliverables

Manage Stakeholder Delivery across Plan Timeline

Constant Communication was the key to successful delivery of activities



Great Alne Parish FLAG – Learning



Understanding your local water system can be complicated and takes time

You can't do this on your own

Stakeholder Commitment is Critical

Constant Communication is Key

Become a Pain with Statutory Bodies

Formally Report Findings to WCC (or your Statutory Body) to ensure they are fully aware of the works necessary to improve the situation

[link](#)

None of this is Easy – but it can be done



2024/25 FLAG Delivery Timeline

Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan 25	Feb	March
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1st FLAG Meet

FLAG Volunteer Communications

Drains Ditches
Culverts Mapped

Drains Ditches and Culverts Monitored and Maintained by FLAG teams

Landowner, Farmer & Statutory Body Communications (WCC, SDC, Wildlife Trust, Woodland Trust, Environment Agency, STW)
Parish Council Engagements

Key

Stakeholder Mgt

GAPC Activity

3rd Party Activity

WCC Visit

SDCCCCF Secured

Road Drains Cleared and CCTV Investigation Completed

WCC Report Created & Issued

WCC Meet Arranged

WCC Teams on Site

WWT Site Visit and Landowner, Farmer Engagement

WWT Log Harvesting

Log Harvest

Leaky Dam Building

WT Excavated MCD Outfall

Spernal Lane Ditch

Stoat Lane Ditch

Parish & Alne Cote Ditches

WT & EA Engagement

WT & EA Meet

WT & EA Meet

Drain Status Over Time 2024/5

FLAG Team Created
Monthly RAG Status Commenced & CPW Cleared
Monthly Drain Maintenance Commenced

Little Alne Drain Repairs Completed

Spernal Lane Ditch Excavated

WWT NFM Work Commenced

Stoat Lane Ditch Excavated

Sub-Scan Drain Clearing & CCTV
Inspection Started – Completed in November
Parish Ditch, Sump and Alne Cote Field
Ditches Excavated

Detailed Drain Condition Report Issued to WCC

WCC Commenced works

	Green	Amber	Red	Total	Rating
March	55	0	59	114	-4%
April	59	0	55	114	4%
May	70	0	44	114	23%
July	73	0	41	114	28%
August A	82	0	33	115	43%
August B	96	0	19	115	67%
September	91	13	12	116	68%
October	110	4	2	116	93%
November	113	1	2	116	96%
December	110	4	2	116	93%
January	90	16	10	116	69%
February	91	16	9	116	71%
March	110	5	1	116	94%
September	115	2	0	117	98%

Pictures

