

Commons Coordinater Report

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Thanks to Goff's dogged determination in persuading Network Rail to rectify the poor drainage around the railway embankment, a gang of civil engineers and contractors finally arrived on site to carry out drainage work in April. Hopefully their efforts will improve conditions at that location and prevent water being held up in future.

At a meeting with David Whiting last year, regarding the Parish Councils HLS Agreement, councillors expressed concerns that hay making on the The Little Green was costing more than the income generated by The Little Green. David advised us that we may be eligible for a Hay making supplement . Over many months we have made numerous requests for the HLS agreement to be amended to include the Hay Making Supplement. Natural England has finally decided that we are eligible for the supplement but because the decision has taken so long it is looking unlikely that we can claim if for 2016. The added supplement will help towards the hay making costs from 2017 onwards.