**Commons Coordinator Report Andrew Colchester March 2016**

Following the ditching work that was carried out in December 2015 by Thrandeston Parish Council, to alleviate the problem of flooding on the road near the small railway bridge, Suffolk County Council have now cleared the culverts under the road. Network Rail has not cleared the culverts under the railway embankment; this work has been re-scheduled for week commencing 14th March.

There has also been flooding near the Mellis road turning on the Little Green, opposite Bramley House. Goff and Jerry investigated the cause of the problem and have cleared the drains in the area to allow the water to drain from the road.

In January 2016 the Environment Agency took water samples for testing. We are advised that there is no pollution present on the Marsh. There was pollution present in the ditch between Woodstock and Chestnut Farm and the Environment Agency are investigating this further.

In February tree surgery work was carried out on the weeping willow tree near the pond on the village green. Some branches had broken and were dangerous so were removed in the interest of safety. The work was carried out by Goff and Jerry over 2 days free of charge using a teleporter kindly provided by the Murton family.

On Saturday 4th March the trees purchased with AMCO funding were planted on the Marsh by Goff, Jerry & I.