

Our Mission : To Demonstrate the value of the River Hart to Crondall and to Preserve and Protect it as a long-term asset.



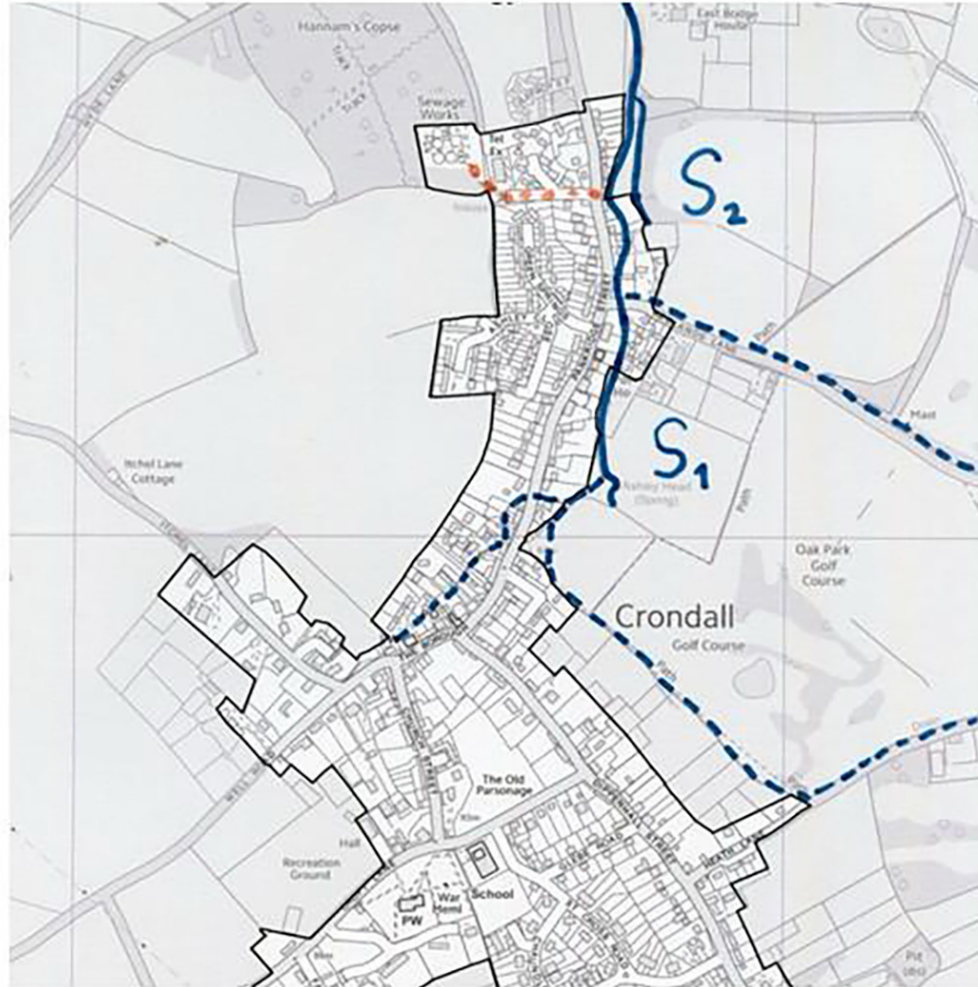
As well as being Crondall's principal flood defence – the main escape route for the 70cm of rainfall that we observe annually – the Hart, being a chalk stream, is a huge engine for biodiversity.

Chalk streams emerge from underground chalk reservoirs. Water released from the chalk is rich in minerals and typically supports far richer communities of invertebrates and plants, fish, mammals and birds than surrounding 'dry' countryside habitats.

Chalk streams are rare – according to the WWF there are only around 200 in the world. But they are under serious threat from pollution, excessive water abstraction, disturbance from nearby building works... The list goes on.

Angela is leading a local volunteer team to assess the health of the Hart in Crondall, and to follow up on any opportunities to mitigate specific risks to its health.

The River Hart in Crondall



The River Hart is a chalk stream that rises in Crondall. It is fed by Springs at

- Ashley Head – S_1
- Weavers' Pond – S_2

The flow is augmented by Surface Runoff of rainfall and by the Sewage Works Outflow at the top of Handcroft Close



Its route to the North Sea is via

- the Whitewater
- the Blackwater
- the Loddon
- the Thames



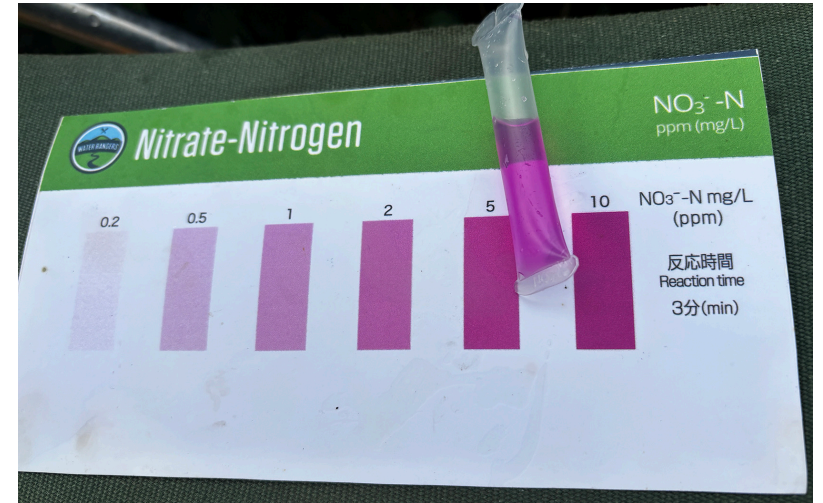
Crondall
Village
pond
Source of
River Hart
from winter
to Autumn
2024-25



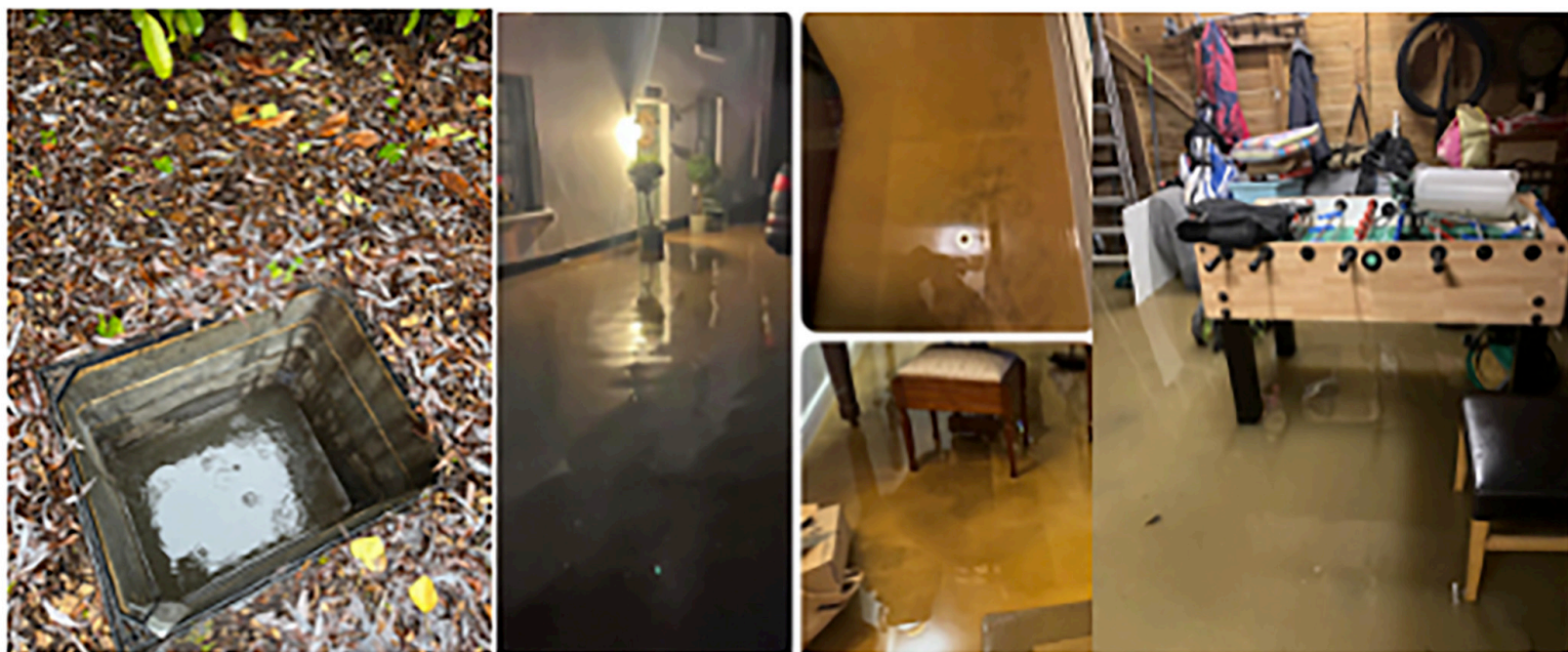


Water quality test sites at Crondall village pond, Handcroft Close sewage treatment works outlet (pumping station below) and Bowling Alley

Hart Water Quality Testing kit & volunteers



FLOODING - Residents at the east end of the village have to keep an eye on river levels and flood warnings





Local Community Action



To safeguard and restore our rivers for the benefit of all