

CLARE CASTLE COUNTRY PARK

Things have been moving quite quickly in respect of developments relating to the Park. Consequently in order to ensure people have the opportunity to know the latest situation we will be putting up a short update, on the Pashley's Alley noticeboard every 3-4 weeks. If you would like to receive such information by email please send your request, by email, to me at gandgbray@btinternet.com.

We will continue to circulate a more comprehensive newsletter with Chevron to all households, but this will be at the normal 2-3 month intervals.

Water levels in the New Cut

In the newsletter dated 8th September, that was circulated recently with Chevron, I explained that various solutions to the problem of the water level in the New Cut were being investigated; solutions that would maintain the water level at an acceptable level. One proposal that we thought might work could have resulted in the water being maintained at a level that was a bit lower than it was 2-3 years ago. This could have had a detrimental effect on the water in the ponds, the river banks etc, and the general appearance of the New Cut and the river upstream, so alternatives are being looked into.

On 18th September we had another meeting with the Environment Agency at which alternative solutions were discussed. It was agreed that some practical engineering issues needed further investigation to ensure that whatever was progressed was likely to work and meet the various requirements. Information is being put together and sent to the Environment Agency and by the end of the first week of October I would expect them to come back with their comments. A decision can then be made about how matters should progress. This may seem like an unnecessary delay but I feel that good progress is now being made and I can assure you I am as committed as anyone that a solution is found as soon as possible. But we do need to make sure it is a good solution; one that is right for all parties for the long term.

Geoffrey Bray – 18th September 2013