

LOWER SEVERN INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

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Background:

The SWLMP aims to provide a means by which water management for multiple uses can be balanced and delivered whilst maintaining and enhancing the special wildlife interests of the area.

This newsletter will provide periodical updates on progress for all stakeholders. If you are aware of other parties who may be interested in this work, please advise them of the contact details and we will add them to the distribution list.

Works completed to date:

- Signatures have been obtained from the primary stakeholders meaning that the plan has now been officially endorsed.
- A scheme for independent and automated monitoring of water levels, flows and field wetness has been designed and costed, with the results being available to all via a bespoke desk-top platform (Action 18).
- Consultation meetings for the above have been held with the Berkeley Estate, John & Jamie Cullimore and The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, with a good level of support being obtained.

Works planned:

- Implementation of the first element of the monitoring scheme (levels and flows) with equipment installed, tested and data visualisation being achieved (Cost c. £6k; within c.3 months) (Action 18).
- Desilting of selected lengths of watercourses to bring them to bed level (within 3 months) (Action 10).
- Meet with CRT to discuss the monitoring, the role of the canal feeder and the possibility of automation (Actions 4 & 16).
- Drafting of an appropriate protocol for the management of ditch vegetation to be implemented by plan partners (Action 14).