

HISTORIC FLOODING

The Environment Agency publishes flood maps for the whole country;¹ however, experience in the Plan Area, particularly in Uffington, is that there are several areas of repeated flooding which do not show up on these maps. Whilst some of this flood water is ‘flash flooding’ arising from periods of heavy rain and tends to be relatively short-lived, it is nevertheless of sufficient depth to enter buildings and cause damage; some of which has been serious on occasions. This document records historic flooding in the Plan Area as recorded/reported locally. This record will be maintained and updated by the Uffington Parish Council on an ongoing basis and taken into account when considering proposals for new dwellings.

Maintenance of village waterways

Following some of the flooding described below, but particularly in 2007, additional effort was made by the Parish Council and riparian land owners to improve water flows around the village. In particular waterways were cleared and culverts unblocked and widened improving the water flows. As a result there has been less serious flooding since. The Parish Council monitors the waterways and should be notified by landowners if they are unable to meet their obligations to keep waterways clear. Whilst preventing flooding and damage to property must always take priority, clearing waterways should always be done with care where clearance may endanger wildlife, such as water voles, habitats.

Flooding Maps

This document includes a map (below) showing the main areas of flooding in Uffington followed by a photographic ‘diary’ recording specific instances, along with some residents' comments. At the end of the document is a map showing the Environment Agency Cat 3 flooding risk areas.

Notes on the Historic Flooding Map

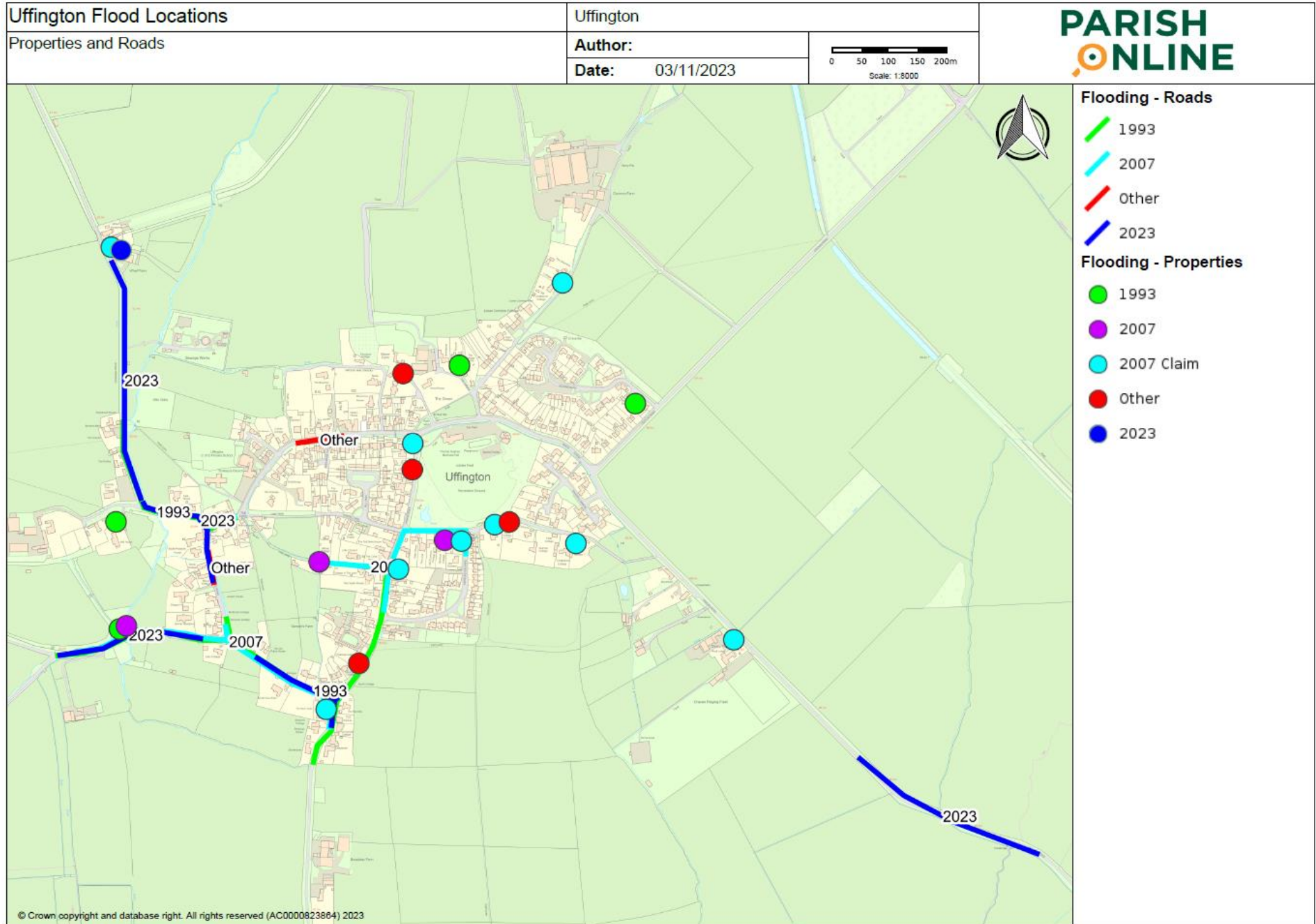
Roads routinely flooded to an impassible depth (for normal cars) include:

- Fernham Road from the Museum to the old canal bridge (Wharf Farm)
- Fawler road as far north as The Craven
- Broad Street in the central area from the overflowing stream along the south side
- Woolstone corner and south up the Hams road for about 100m
- High Street from the stream on the east side
- Broadway for about 100m south from Shotover Corner

Note: The Fawler Road and Woolstone Road flooding is primarily associated with the water level in the stream which runs south to north behind Dragon Hill and the Manor House.

¹ <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/confirm-location?eastng=430839&northing=189259&placeOrPostcode=SN7%207RN>

UFFINGTON – HISTORIC FLOODING MAP



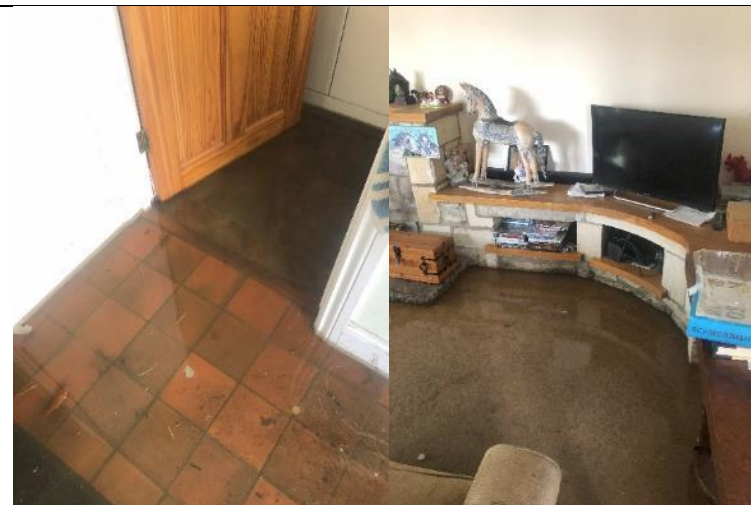
Flooding 'Diary'

2023

Fernham Road October/November



Fernham Road and Track to sewage works – Nov 23



Fernham Road/Wharf Farm – flooding



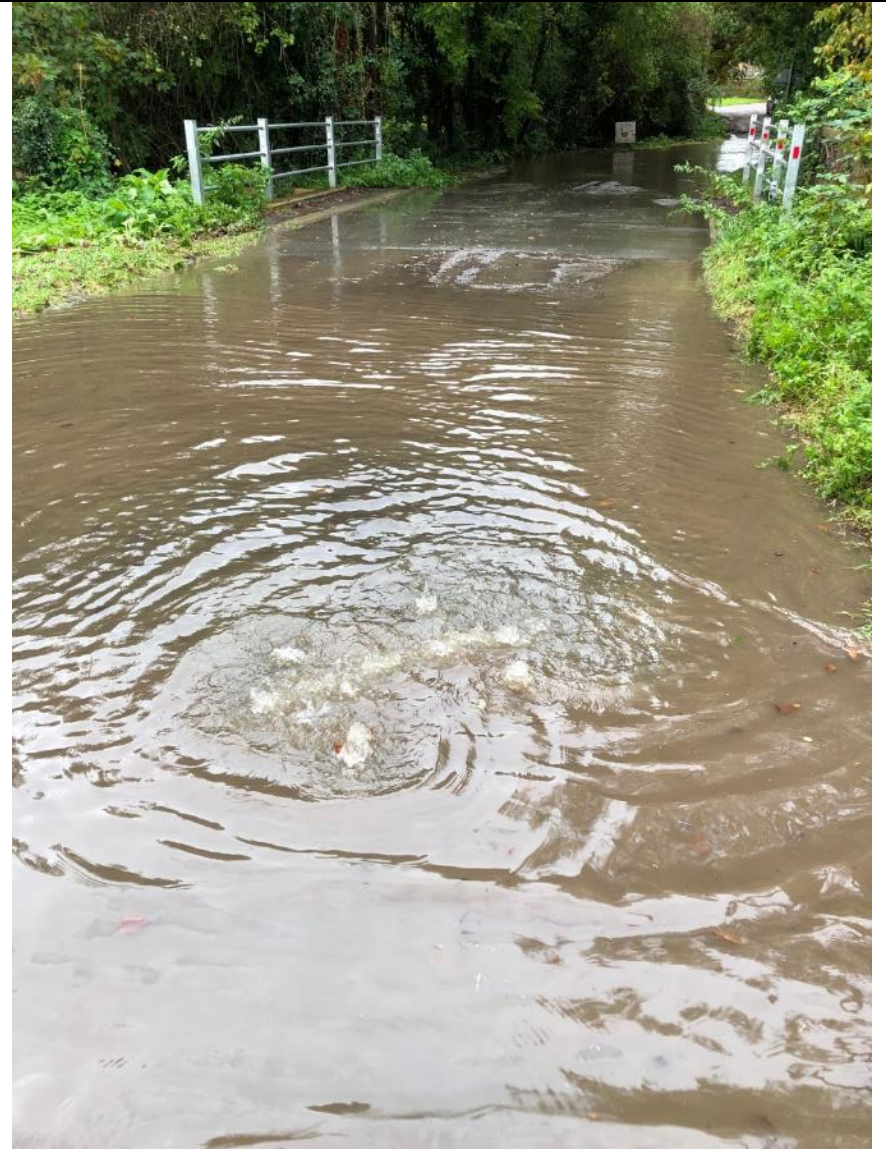
Allotments



Allotments footpath bridge



Fernham Road by river bridge – Nov 23



Fernham Road sewer by river bridge – Nov 23 – hydraulic flooding

Shotover - October/November



Shotover – Nov 23



Shotover – Nov 23



Woolstone Road/Shotover Corner – Nov 23 – note sewer bubbles from hydraulic flooding

Fernham Road Jan

Routinely, Fernham Road floods between the Museum and road bridge behind the Manor House/opposite Rose Cottage. This is partly from run-off water from Broad Street but also the sewer bubbles up due to excess hydraulic pressure due to rainwater in the sewer. Right hand picture below shows proximity of overflowing sewer manhole to roadside drain – which drains into the stream a few metres away.



Fernham Road – Jan 21



Fernham Road – Jan 21 – note sewer proximity to road drain

Fernham Road Jan/Sep

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Fernham Road – Jan 20



Fernham Road – Jan 20



Fernham Road outside Rose Cottage – Sep 20



Fernham Road outside Rose Cottage – Sep 20

Woolstone Road



Woolstone Road outside Bridge Cottage – Jan 20



Woolstone Road outside Bridge Cottage – Jan 20

2019



Fernham Road outside Rose Cottage – Oct 19



Fernham Road outside Rose Cottage – Oct 19

2016



Fernham Road outside Rose Cottage – May 16



Woolstone Road outside Bridge Cottage – May 16

2015

Upper Common Lane Area

Routinely, the lower lying sections of Upper Common Lane back gardens, and the stream in the lane itself, flood in heavy rain as does the land immediately adjacent to the garden, which becomes a marsh/lake.



Field behind Hookside



Hookside back garden

2012



High St opposite Baker's Arms



Shotover Corner



Woolstone Rd west from Shotover corner



Woolstone Rd outside Creslu



Woolstone Rd opposite Manor Cottage



Woolstone and Fernham Road outside Manor Cottage



Broad Street opposite Church



Fernham Road near Allotments



Fernham Road outside Rose Cottage



Woolstone Road near Bridge Cottage

2010

Awaiting photos

2007

Awaiting photos

1993

Upper Common Lane Area

The Cottage On The Green



Cottage on the Green



Pumping out site

Brockwood has never flooded though in a particularly heavy storm flood water approached the front garden and drive from Upper Common Lane ditch.

Manor Farm House

Basement was flooded to ceiling height.

Fernham Road Area

The Manor (date unknown – 2012?)



The Manor garden

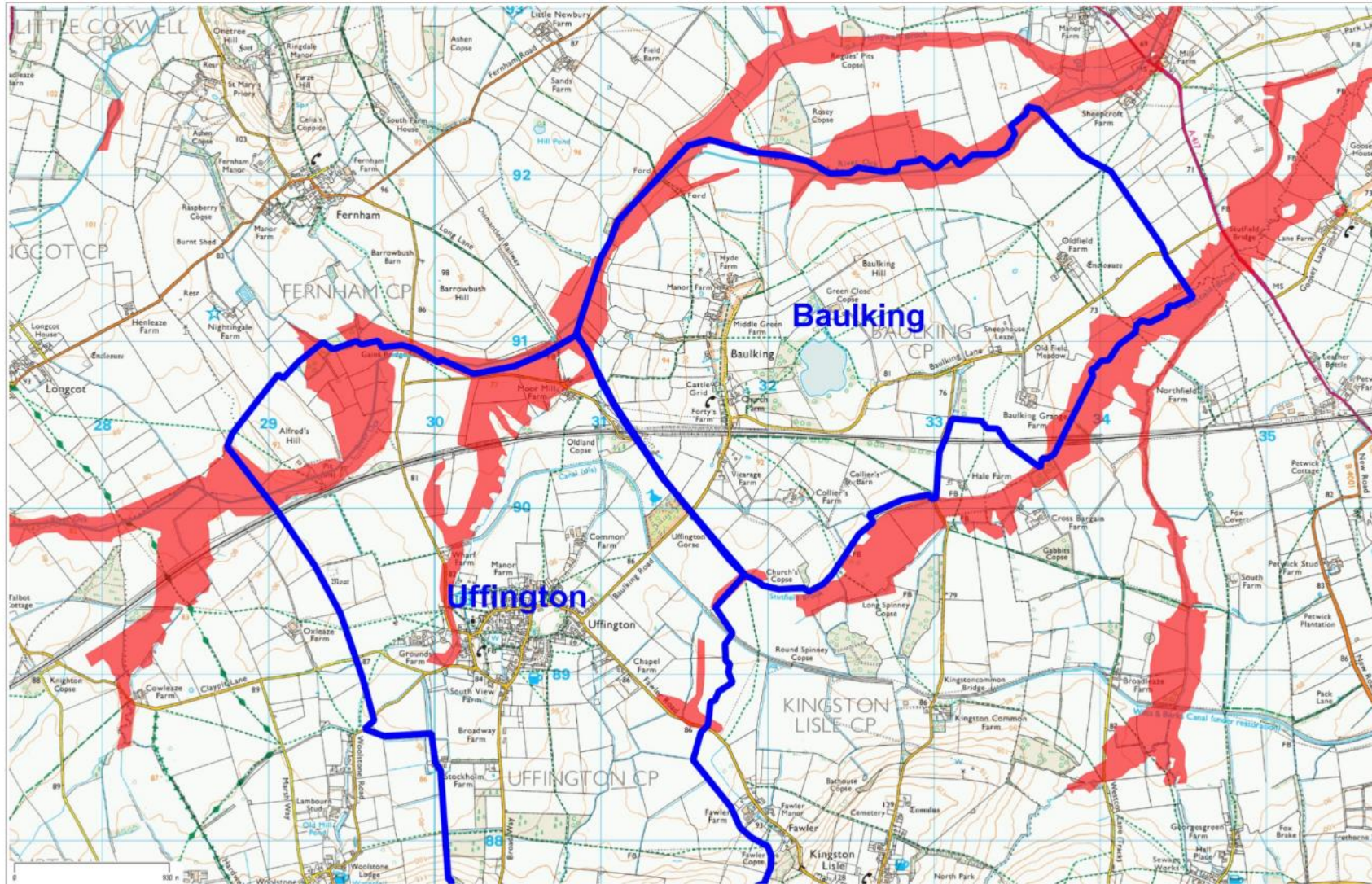


The Manor garden

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY FLOOD RISK AREAS (Cat 3)



Uffington and Baulking Flood Risk Areas



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