

Email response to Highways issues

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Screw Lane Flooding

I have now sent a letter to the landowner requesting the drainage below Screw Lane is addressed so the water is released from the carriageway more quickly. As highway officers this is our concern and our focus to remedy. Where a watercourse passes through land, each landowner has a responsibility to maintain their section of the stream. If the council believe this is not taking place and have concerns, I would advise them to contact our Flood Risk Team who have the skillset and knowledge to advise the relevant owners. Information and details can be found on our web pages at:

[Home - Flood Risk Management \(devon.gov.uk\)](http://devon.gov.uk)

Gerston Cross

I am sure that Darren would be willing to attend a meeting to discuss this issue but I feel a site meeting on the side of the A381 at this location is not advisable. It's my understanding that the issue is well known to DCC and has been investigated before. The highway drainage on the cross road runs towards Bowden Pillars where it discharges just beyond the farm into a ditch. This means the system is shallow and the dip caused by the junction of Green Lane and the A381 is below the level of system. Therefore, there are only two options

1. Raise the profile of Green Lane
2. A major drainage scheme to take the surface water down the A381 towards Totnes

Both of these schemes are costly and difficult, at this time they are not likely to be progressed given other priorities. The ponding that occurs is only on Green Lane which is a cat 9 road.

Debris Blocking passing place between Rolster Bridge Cross and Monkey Oak Barn

Darren was recently notified of this issue and has been in contact with the farmer, he seemed to believe that the verge was his, our records show that it is not and that it is adopted highway. Hopefully, the farmer will remove the obstructions asap.