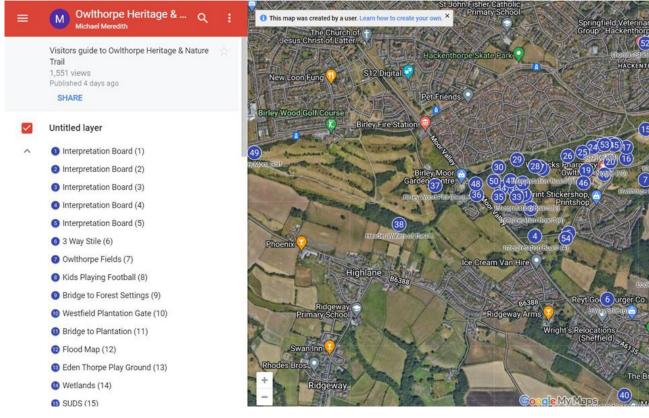
Local Downstream Flooding.

Many residents of flooding in Chesterfield, Rotherham and Retford have been flooded out on several occasions. The flooding seems to be getting more severe. Why? There is concern amongst residents that deforestation upstream to make way for new housing developments is increasing runoff water that has swollen the flow of water in rivers causing them to overflow their banks.

The fields of Owlthorpe hold millions of gallons of water which is gently released into the Ochre Dyke. In the site visit Wednesday 20th January 2021, we showed Planning inspector O S Woodwards water retention in Ecological Owlthorpe, as described in this short video. <u>https://www.ecological-owlthorpe.org/Water.mp4</u>

The deforestation on site E in Owlthorpe to make way for housing has incised the runoff water please look at the video (55) <u>https://www.ecological-owlthorpe.org/MoothorpeGatepedestrianunderpassFlooding.mp4</u> under section **Downstream Flooding** in Our visitors guide to Owlthorpe Heritage & Nature Trail



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• If you double click on any of the interpretation board photos you will be able to view a large version, which enables you to read online, the extent of environmental work carried out in creating our oasis.

• Many parents bring their children and use the interpretation boards to educate them about the wonderful environment we live in.

• Owlthorpe is very steep; some locations show the height above sea level.

• To support the project, Government funding is provided by Natural England, under their higher-level stewardship agreement.

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Our project is under threat from Sheffield City Council (LPA) who wish to build 150 new properties on (plot F) the Grassland & Grazing Project a major component of Owlthorpe Heritage & Nature Trail. Please sign our petition <u>https://chng.it/6vXHqcGG4S</u> A Big thank you to the **1,605** who in such a short period of time have signed.

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Thank you for your attention

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