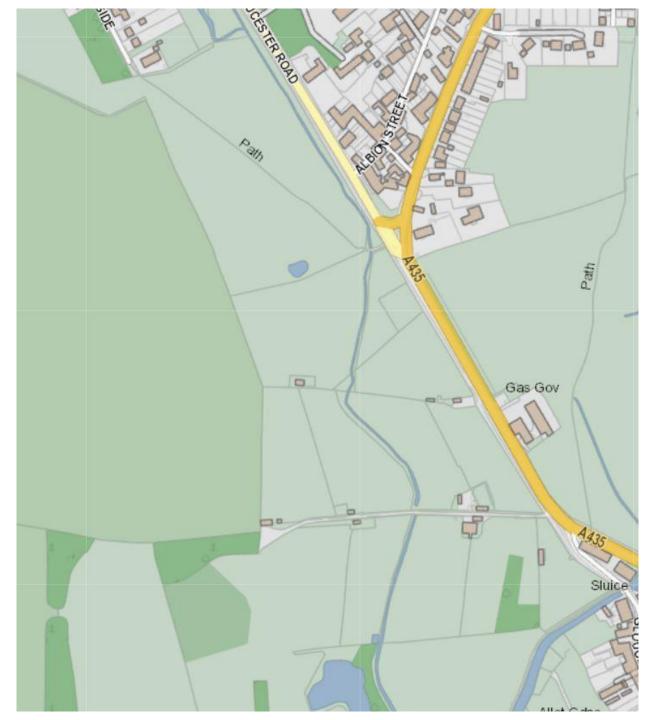
# River Dan & Gumstool Brook Flood & Drought



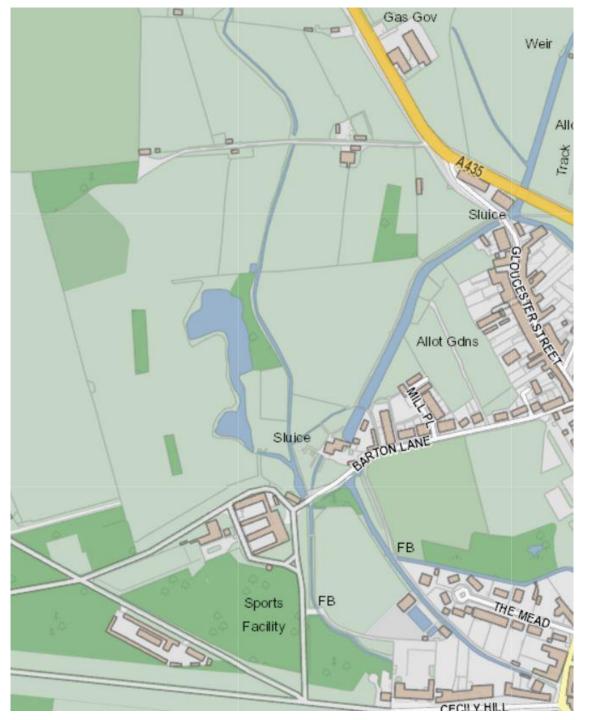






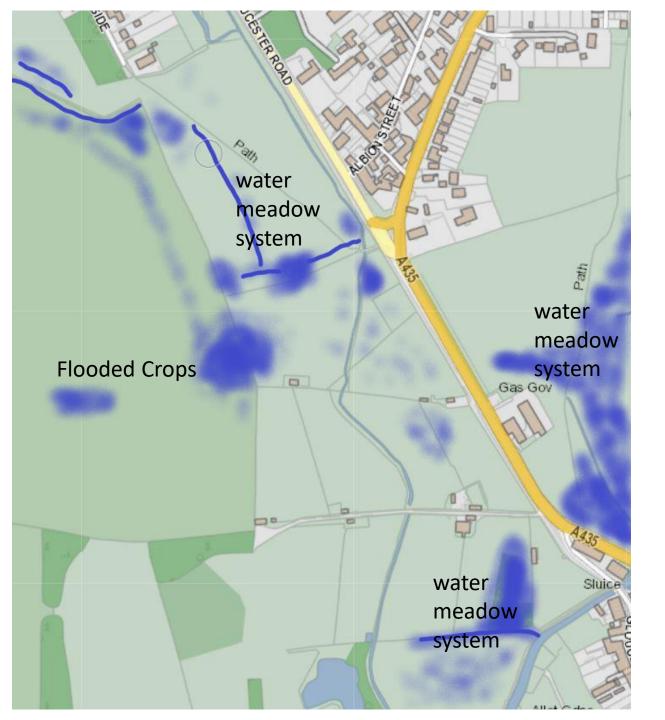
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Stratton to Barton Mill



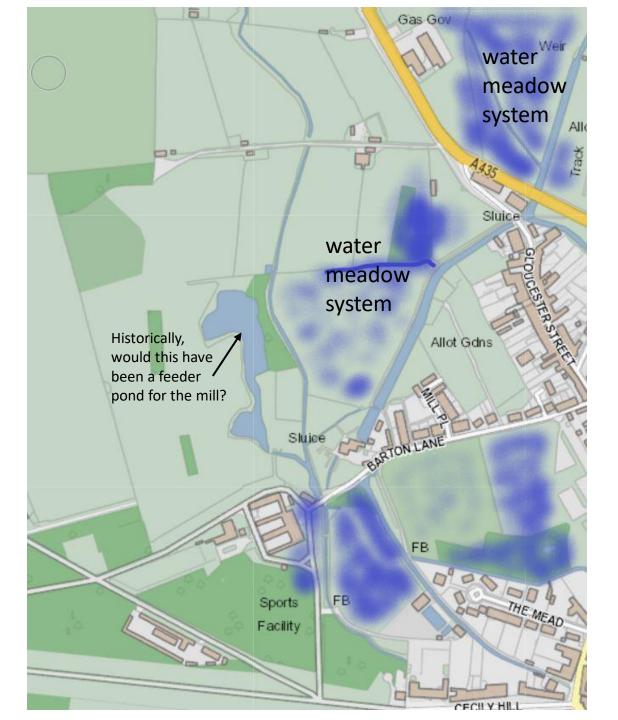
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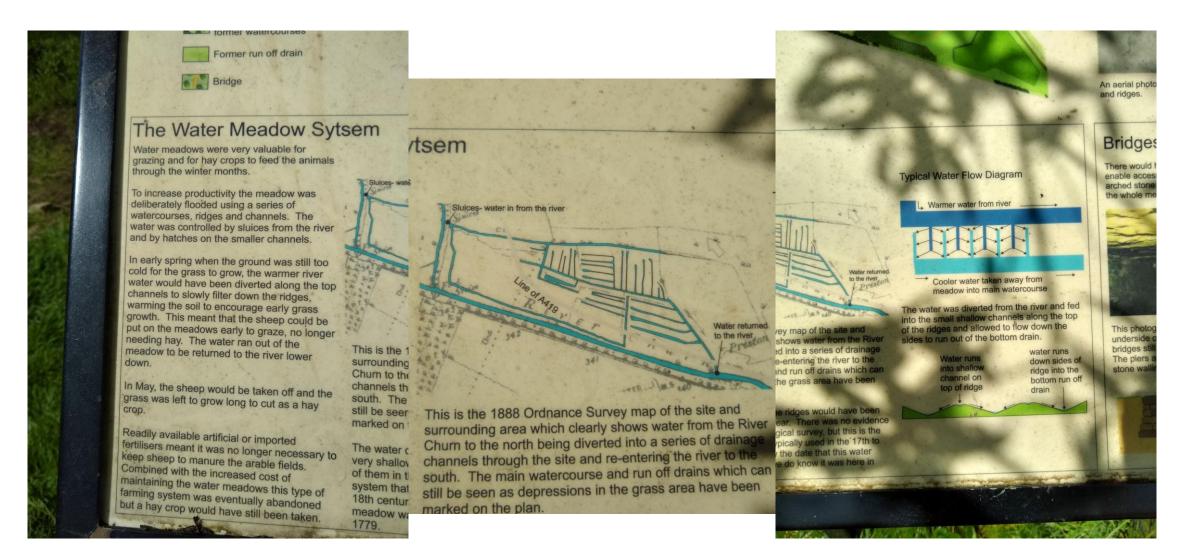


Flooded river course from Dan (Daglingworth Stream) & Churn into Gumstool Brook

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### Flood Mitigation:

Water Meadows work! plus: Leaky Dams; Brook ponds; hedging on farm-uplands, upstream in the Churn Catchment North of Stratton (DAN), Daglingworth (DAN), and North Cerney (Churn – Rendcomb, Colesbourne,...)



## Funding for biodiversity enhancements & flood mitigation cirencester







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### **Biodiversity Net Gain**

#### What does it mean?

A standardised 'biodiversity unit' metric will be created to apply different values to habitats based on automated calculations. The more a development destroys biodiversity units, the greater the level of habitat creation needed as compensation. Any shortfall in biodiversity units measured against the net gain obligation would need to be compensated with a cash payment, or with biodiversity improvements off-site. This would come as a great cost to the developer, emphasising the importance of protecting our natural environment from an economic viewpoint.

#### CASH **PAYMENTS**

gain obligations, the estimated cost is

£9.000 and £15.000

per biodiversity unit.

#### **OVERALL IMPROVEMENTS**

The aim is to provide an overall increase of

10%

measured in biodiversity units.

#### SUSTAINING THE PLANET

Production of at least

of all the worlds food depends or bats and birds whom are all

#### THREATS TO WILDLIFE

and of this only 40% is in good



# But what about drought in the Gumstool?



Looking back into recent history, Mill Ponds controlled the regularity of flow for the Mills in the area. Taking low lying areas that currently flood anyway, and create deeper clay bottom lakes/ponds that can hold more water they catch in winter. Which can then be used to flow back into the streams in the spring/summer.

But.....

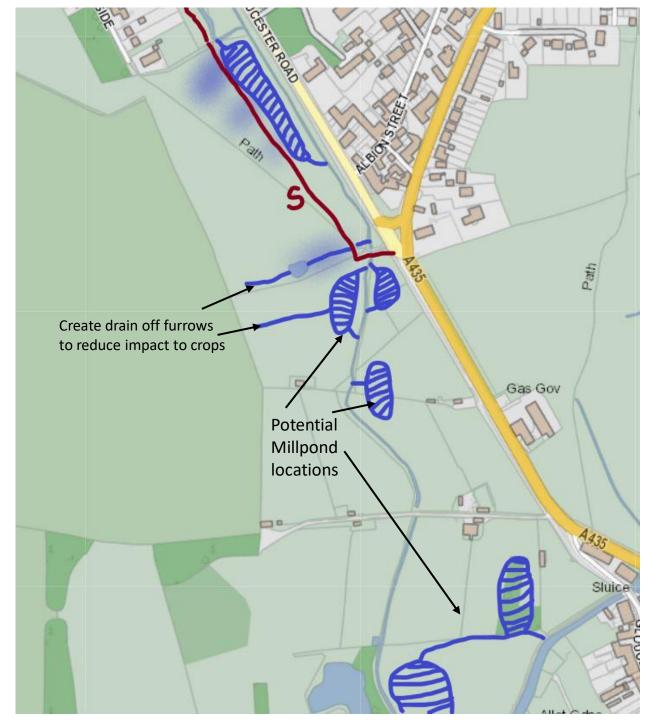
This is Bathurst Estate land.

Clearly, it would need their desire, approval, and commitment to the work.



- >It would be about increasing habitat & biodiversity,
- helping to alleviate flooding for people in Cirencester.
- Create a healthy continuous flow into the Gumstool Brook all year round for wildlife,
- right and enhance the surroundings for residents and tourists alike.

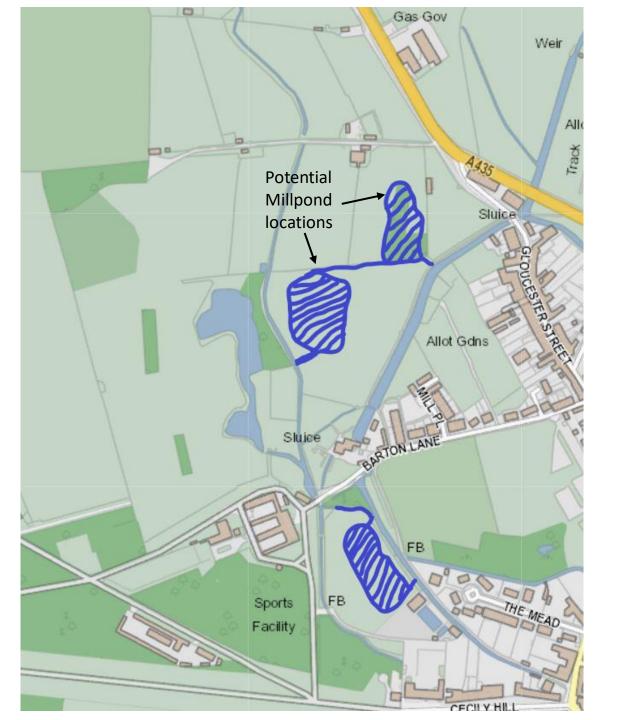
Could the 'Friends GSB' support finding funding & volunteer in any construction, operation and maintenance?



Mill Ponds in river course from Dan (Daglingworth Stream) & Churn into Gumstool Brook

Stratton to Barton Mill

(S – red line, denotes Sewer pipes)



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Is the clay from Smyths contract for bund construction of sufficient quality for mill ponds?

## Controlling Flow?

To control the flow into water meadows & mill ponds, a cutting is made from a stream at a height that means water only flows when the stream is at flood level. Once the stream levels recede, the mill pond is then cut off from the stream.

To move water from the millpond back to the stream in drought conditions, by using a Hydraulic Ram Pump, no power is needed. Just someone to charge the pump to get it going, it then runs under its own steam. For our application the pump runs from the millpond back into the stream.

