



## May 2022 Laxey flood alleviation scheme newsletter

### Glen Road

We are hopeful to start work within the Laxey River (Phase 3), once a contractor has been appointed, running from Victoria Terrace to the tennis courts. Due to the amount of work required to build the river defence wall and carry out remedial work to those properties backing onto the river, and the small window in which we are allowed to work within the river, June to October, we anticipate completion of this section of works over two seasons with completion in 2023.

Many residents have enquired over the repair of Glen Road. We have in our program of works taken into account the repairs needed, along with the installation of improved drainage. However priority is focused on flood prevention for the time being. Please be assured we do intend to address the surface of Glen Road once we have completed the programme of works that require Glen Road as the access.

### Gretch Veg

The path leading up to Gretch Veg has been rolled to address the rough surface, in addition kick boards have been installed along the bridge. The area is a delight to visit thanks to the impressive work by local residents. Overhanging branches previously obscuring the waterfall have been cut back, with the planting of flowers revealing the true beauty of this hidden gem.



Gravel path & Bridge leading to Gretch Veg Waterfall

## Lower Minorca Hill

We are extremely pleased with the speed Paul Carrey and Son have progressed work at the bottom end of Minorca Hill. The binder course of tarmac has been applied to the road along with the curbing. Footpath construction is almost complete, and the surface layer of tarmac is expected this week. The completion of the drain will alleviate flooding to those properties at the Mona Lisa end of Glen Road, Minorca Hill. Completion is expected prior to TT Practice week.



Entrance to Apartments at the bottom of Minorca Hill



Drainage work now completed opposite the Mona Lisa



Curb and Gully at the entrance to Glen View Apartments

The outfall from the newly installed drain will be completed between June and October

### Quarry Road

The work is now complete and access for residents has returned to normal. The work involved creating a larger drain to stop water pooling outside the school gates, causing flooding to properties. The drain now collects water and discharges through a 450mm pipe under the school grounds and into the existing stream. The need to remove two trees in order to install the new drain, opened an opportunity to install the schools new covered bike stand.



Picture above shows the newly installed storm grids outside Laxey School Gates

Later this year work will begin to replace the culvert within **Minorca Vale**, this has collapsed towards the bottom of the road and requiring a temporary repair, within the next week. The main work to repair the culvert in Minorca Vale will see a new drainage pipe linking into the recently installed Quarry Road Pipe, mentioned above. Additional road side gullies will also be installed at the same time. During the winter months the short section of work between Minorca Vale and Quarry Road will require a road closure.

In advance of the above works, we will be undertaking site investigations to identify ground conditions and locations of services to ensure the works requiring a road closure later in the year are kept to a minimum.

### Shore Hotel flood defence wall and Bund

Out contractor JCK have started work along the riverbank outside the Shore Hotel. The wall design will be 50% glass and 50% stone to keep the aesthetics of the area and to allow views from the Shore garden to the river.

The wall along with the bund will form a vital part of the flood defences. Due to the restricted working space during the work, access to the footpath behind the Shore Hotel will be out of bounds to the public for health and safety reasons.



Shore Hotel side of river, new flood defence wall will be installed along the edge of this bank

### Additional Work

Investigations are well underway in and around the surrounding Laxey catchment areas with designers and engineers planning work for the near future. The Department is expecting work in Laxey to extend for several years in order to address all flooding from both hill side and river to sea. For this reason we have created two temporary offices within the DOI site next to Gretch Veg. This will allow our Senior Engineer Darren Young to manage the activities and progress of work.

### Minorca Vale

Our engineers have identified a collapsed culvert within Minorca vale. We plan to address this by closing vehicle access to Minorca Vale to repair the area. This work should take no more than a day. We will return later in the year to install the complete drainage solution and link in with the work completed at Quarry Road. Once we have a contractor approved we will notify residents.

For further information please use one of the contact number below or email address.

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