

RIVER GRETA GRAVEL AND DEBRIS [KFAG] MARCH 2021

This affects much of the River's Banks and the River's course between Low Briery and Portinscale



Looking at the gravel situation

The EA are aware that a lot of gravel has been deposited on High Hill Corner, particularly in that last flood event. A member of staff will be inspecting the area this week. KFAG have been assured that the funding is in place for the work, all that is needed is approval from Natural England. As in other years there is planning to get it removed on the 1st Week in September. There is a lot of tree debris on the opposite bank, but the massive tree which has managed to get through Greta Bridge (thankfully) and is now just downstream by the old youth club building (see above) will be removed, hopefully over the next two weeks. There is a dead sheep (yes I know biodegradable but...) in the gravel downstream of Greta Bridge by the storm culverts (which also have a lot of gravel in and around them). KFAG remain appalled at the way the trees have been left to come downstream with the potential to block the bridges. After Desmond we were told they'd be chopped up a bit but upstream of town is still terrible around Low Briery

Loss of land The river bank is being rapidly eroded just upstream of Portinscale footbridge, with a section of fencing lost. The impact the massive tree stumps midstream and gravel deposits just downstream of the eroded section has to be part of the problem.



The path across the Howrah's, it seems evident that the path needs to be of a more robust construction as the river rips it out each time it overflows. Maybe a section with reclaimed duck boards such as those at the far end of Derwentwater beyond Chinese bridge.

