Please see the latest update for the catchment.

We currently have tankers back on the network due to the very high volumes of groundwater entering the wastewater system.
Over the past week, I have been out in the catchment investigating potential points of ingress.
We have identified several issues:

- **East Dean Manhole:**
  We located a manhole in East Dean where rat holes alongside the chamber were allowing ponded field water to flow directly into the sewer network.
- **Chamber at Rear of Property:**
  We also found a chamber at the rear of a property that requires sealing, as large volumes of water were entering through the cover. We used non-toxic drain dye to trace and confirm the source of the water. We are now working closely with the homeowner to resolve this as quickly as possible.

I have added videos of both findings to this update.
We will continue investigating further issues next week, and I will include any new findings in the weekly update.
At this stage, we have **not** identified any failed sewer sealing works.
We are asking for everyone's support at this time. We are looking to identify any properties that have basement pumps or pumps installed beneath their buildings. It is important for us to understand whether any of these pumps are discharging into the wastewater network, as this may be contributing to the increased loading on the sewer system. This additional flow could be playing a role in overwhelming the network, leading to the need for tankers and increasing the risk of environmental spills. If you know of any properties with such pumps, or if you can assist in gathering this information, your help would be greatly appreciated. Your cooperation will support our efforts to reduce pressure on the system and protect the environment.
Progress Update:

- The crews have sealed approximately 128m of public and private sewer in West Dean this week.
- This brings the total sealed to date to around 11181m across both public and private sewer networks.

Aside from the above, it's business as usual as we continue progressing with the task at hand.

I've also included the **borehole data from Chilgrove** below which shows the ground water levels for your reference.

Borehole	Latest level	Date
Chilgrove	76.439	Feb 13, 2026

Date ▲	'	Rise (or fall) in the last 24 hours (m)
Feb 9, 2026, 12:00 AM	↑	0.091
Feb 10, 2026, 12:00 AM	↑	0.006
Feb 11, 2026, 12:00 AM	↓	-0.048
Feb 12, 2026, 12:00 AM	↓	-0.026
Feb 13, 2026, 12:00 AM	↓	-0.103

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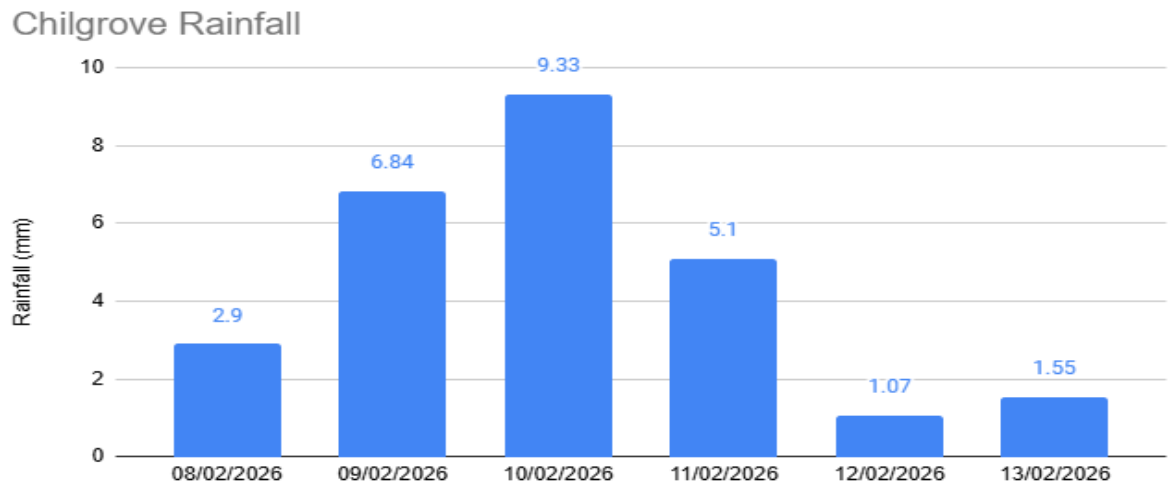

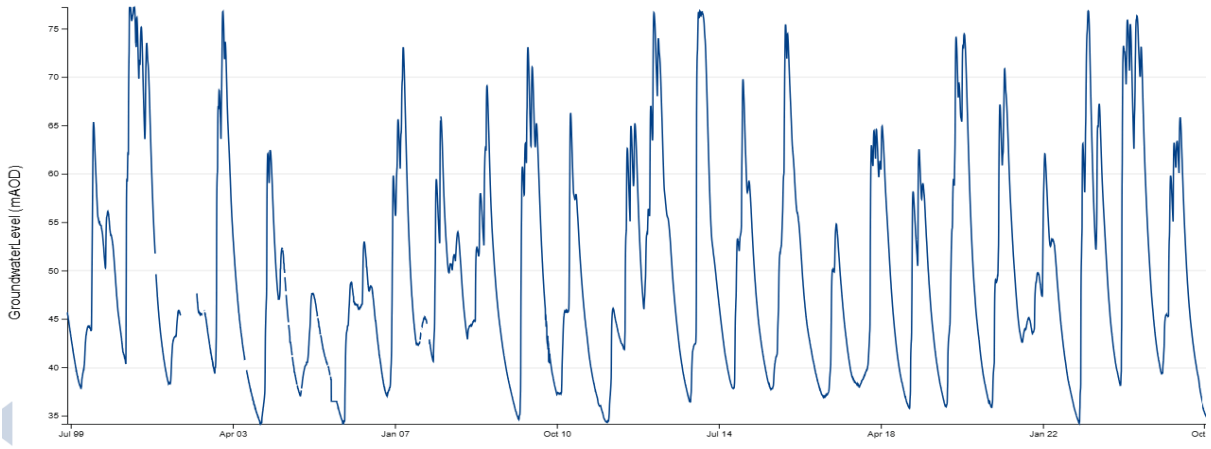

Data quality indicator for Sub-daily groundwater level (mAOD) (hover to reveal):

This is the highest the ground water has been since Jan 2014.
As you can see from the data the ground water is now retreating down.
I will continue to monitor as always.

“ When there is teamwork and collaboration wonderful things can be achieved “