

Please see the latest update for the catchment.

We still 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:

- We located a manhole in East Dean where the garden floods and this allows a huge amount of water into the wastewater network. We are carrying out works on the customers behalf to remove the flooding as best possible and putting a sealed manhole cover and frame in the garden to further protect the network.
- Extra tankers will be around in the villages over next week to help us drop the levels further to enable us to double check the sealing that has been carried has been successful and to also help locate any other issues that have newly arisen.

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.

I have investigated the pumps in the village of East Dean and I would like to thank the community for there help and support in this matter.

I m happy to say all pumps located are diverted to the environment.

I will be investigating more of the pumps over the next week.

If we do find any we will work with the customer to resolve this.

Progress Update:

- The crews have sealed approximately **353** of public and private sewer in West Dean and East Dean this week.
- This brings the total sealed to date to around **11534m** across both public and private sewer networks.

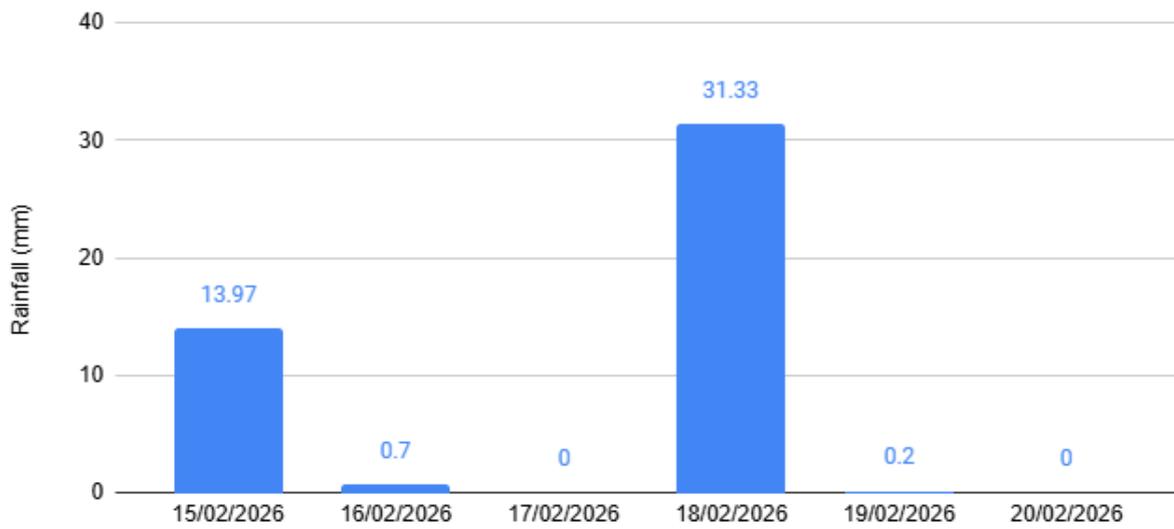
Aside from the above, it's business as usual as we continue progressing with the task at hand.

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

Borehole	Latest level	Date
Chilgrove	75.43	Feb 20, 2026

Date ^		Rise (or fall) in the last 24 hours (m)
Feb 16, 2026, 12:00 AM	↓	-0.175
Feb 17, 2026, 12:00 AM	↓	-0.193
Feb 18, 2026, 12:00 AM	↓	-0.233
Feb 19, 2026, 12:00 AM	↓	-0.111
Feb 20, 2026, 12:00 AM	↑	0.008

Chilgrove Rainfall



As you can see from the data the ground water is still retreating down at this time. I will continue to monitor as always.

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