

NORTH SOMERSET LEVELS INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

LAND DRAINAGE ACT 1991

NOTICE TO FARMERS AND RIPARIAN OWNERS

Farmers and landowners with land adjoining the following 'Viewed Rhyne' watercourses are advised that the 2013 Flood Defence aquatic weed-cutting operations will take place broadly in accordance with the following programme. Flailing of watercourse banks will normally be necessary and this may take place several days before the weed-cutting work. All works will be undertaken in accordance with the Board's Conservation Policy and Best Practice Guidelines.

Riparian owners are reminded that in accordance with the Board's Byelaws (2011) a 9-metre wide strip of land from the top of the bank should be kept clear for access and maintenance purposes. This particularly applies where land has been sub-divided to form small 'pony paddocks'. The Board has legal right of entry, whilst efforts are made to minimise damage to crops it may not be possible to interrupt or delay the programme to avoid harvesting operations, as the Board's contractor follows well-established operational routes for maximum efficiency.

Banwell Area: 15th June - 31st July and 20th September - 31st October [Cut Twice]

Balls Yeo Rhyne, Blind Yeo Rhyne, East Mead Rhyne, East Moor Rhyne, Grumblepill Rhyne, Hardmead Rhyne, Hewish New Rhyne, Liddy Yeo Rhyne (Riverside to Nye), Middle Moor Rhyne, Old Yeo Rhyne, Rockers Rhyne, Rockers Rhyne Extensions, Rolstone Rhyne, Towerhead Brook, Wallymead Rhyne, Way Wick Rhyne, West Moor Rhyne, West Wick Rhyne, Wolverhill Rhyne.

Congresbury Area: 15th June - 31st July and 20th September - 31st October [Cut Twice]

Brandeer Rhyne, Carditch Rhyne, Churchill Rhyne, Congresbury Playing Field, Crookwell Rhyne, Heathgate Rhyne, Hurst Pool Rhyne (part), Littlewall Rhyne, Passage Rhyne, Sandmead Rhyne (north of railway walk).

15th June - 31st July [Single Cut]

Oldbridge River (Railway to M5 Motorway)

1st - 31st July and 20th September - 31st October [Cut Twice]

Blackstones Rhyne, Hurst Pool Rhyne (part)

Note: These rhynes are within SSSI areas.

20th September - 31st October [Single Cut]

Hurst Pool Rhyne (Hurst Pool Penning Hatch to Oldbridge River), Oldbridge River (Dolemoor Lane to Waterman's Bow), Sandmead Rhyne (south of railway walk)

Kewstoke Area: 1st - 31st July and 20th September - 31st October [Cut Twice]

Collum Rhyne, Kewstoke Rhyne (upstream of Penning Hatch)

1st - 31st August [Single Cut]

Northfield Rhyne, Redcroft Rhyne, Sand Rhyne

20th September - 31st October [Single Cut]

Kewstoke Rhyne (downstream of Penning Hatch)

Uphill Area: 1st - 31st July and 20th September - 31st October [Cut Twice]

Cross Rhyne (except Hutton & Locking Rhyne to Winterstoke Road), Hutton & Locking Rhyne, Hutton Moor Rhyne, Locking Moor Rhyne, Moorland Drove Rhyne, Winterstoke Rhyne

20th September - 31st October [Single Cut]

Cross Rhyne (Hutton & Locking Rhyne to Winterstoke Road)

Wick St Lawrence Area: 1st - 31st August [Single Cut]

Blind Pool Rhyne, Bourton Town Rhyne, East Town Rhyne, Ebdon Rhyne, Greenstreet Rhyne, Poolyard Rhyne, Sluice Rhyne, Wick Town Rhyne

Worle Area (Urban Areas): 1st - 31st July and 20th September - 31st October [Cut Twice]

Blind Yeo Rhyne, Grumblepill Rhyne, West Wick Rhyne

20th September / 31st October [Single Cut]

Moorland Drove Rhyne

Kingston Seymour Area: 14th September – 31 October [Single Cut]

Dowlais Ditch, Lower Strode Road 1 & 2, Rust Rhyne (Tynever Gout to Kenn River)

14th June – 31 July and 14th September – 31 October [Cut Twice]

Broadstone Rhyne, Middle Lane Rhyne, Ham Rhyne, Cranmore Rhyne, Paiges, Lampley Rhyne
New Rhyne Lampley, Thirteen Acre Rhyne, Rust Rhyne (Lampley Bow to Kenn River),
Yatton Little River, Rogers Rhyne, Moor Lane Rhyne

Nailsea Area 1 and Tickenham Area: 14th September – 31 October [Single Cut]

Top Parish Brook, Top Kenn River (road bridge to Backwell Lake), North Drove Rhyne, Plants Rhyne, Clevedon Boundary, Clevedon Drainage, Storm Water Ditch, Middle Yeo (Moor End Spout to OS0048 and Bridge Farm to Manmoor Lane), Tickenham Boundary Rhyne, Broadmead, Jacklands Bridge to Moor End Spout.

14th June – 31st July and 14th September – 31st October [Cut Twice]

Top Kenn River (Brook Farm gateway to garden), Backwell Lake, Parish Brook, Ten Foot Rhyne, Middle Yeo (Triggol's Cut to Yearling Ditch)

Nailsea Area 2, Yatton and Claverham Area: 14th September – 31st October [Single Cut]

River Kenn (Midgell Farm), Stowey Rhyne, North End Rhyne, Jasmine Rhyne, Branch Rhyne, Tannery Ditch (3 sections), Springwell, BiddleStreet Rhyne (3) (Bstreet to OS0015), Yatton Little River (Claverham Drove to Kenn River), Claverham Court Rhyne

14th June – 31st July and 14th September – 31st October [Cut Twice]

River Kenn (Backwell Lake to railway and Chelvey Court), Tannery Ditch (Yatton Little River to railway line), Middle Rhyne, The Cut, Westmead, Biddlestreet Rhyne (3) (Biddlestreet to Cheddar Valley railway line), Branch Rhyne, Paiges, Yatton Little River (Claverham Drove to Moor Street Bow), Congressbury Inlet

15th – 31st May, 14th June – 31st July and 14th September – 31st October [Cut 3 times]

Wemberham Lane Rhyne, Biddlestreet Rhyne (1), Biddlestreet Rhyne (2)

Kenn Moor Area: 14th September- 31st October [Single Cut]

Mead Moor, Mawkins Rhyne, Western Drainage, Spencers Sluice, Eastern Drainage, Claverham Drove Rhyne, Mill Farm Rhyne, Kenn Street, Naish (Kenn Street), Warrens

14th June- 31st July and 14th September – 31st October [Twice Cut]

Thirteen Acre (Tynever Gout Rhyne to Kenn River), Tynever Gout Rhyne

Gordano Valley Area: 14th September – 31st October [Single Cut]

Black Ditch, Stake Ditch, Cat Squint, Walton Brook, Clapton Drove Rhyne, Sperrings Rhyne, Caswell Ditches, Sandy Ditch, Withers Ditch, Moor Farm Cut

Notes:

Riparian owners are reminded that winter maintenance work may be undertaken at any time between late November and early April, dependent upon weather and ground conditions and on equipment availability.

In view of problems during 2012, caused by excessive rainfall and weed growth, it is possible that if similar conditions occur during 2013 there may be unavoidable changes to timings and/or extra weed cutting programmes. All efforts will be made to ensure the programme is adhered to as far as possible.

It is possible that during the year further rhynes within the St Georges and West Wick areas of Weston super Mare will be added to the keetching programme.