

Priorities, Updates and Funding

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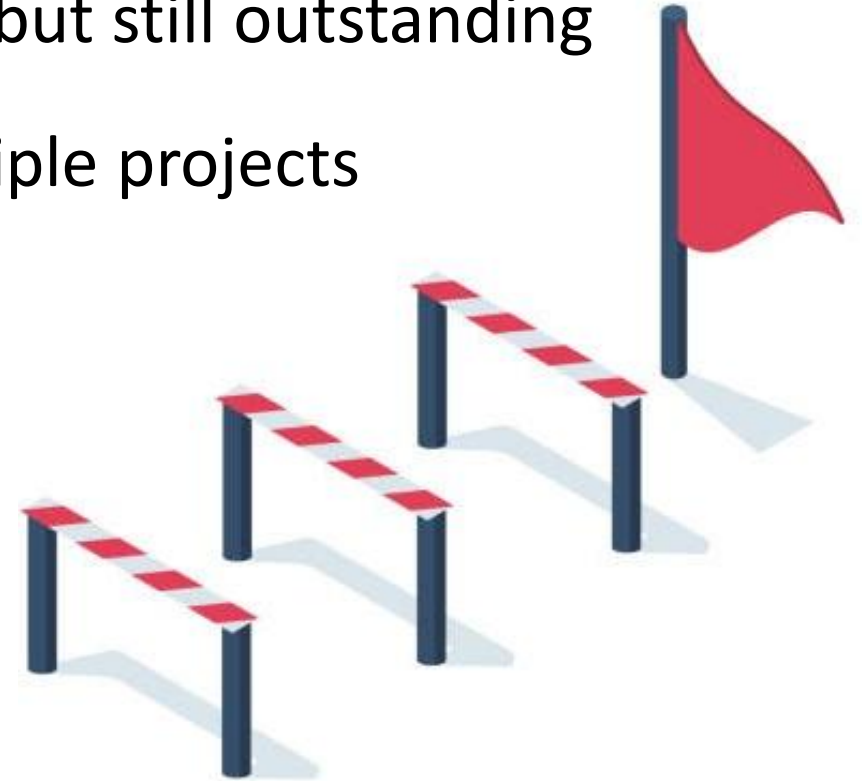
Topics

- **Updates on our Priority Areas**
- **Communications**
- **Grant Applications**
- **Rooks Hill Appeal**
 - Donations
 - Supplier Support
 - Appeal total
- **Volunteering**



Spring Meeting recap: 2024 has been challenging !

- Expected Rooks Hill planning approval close but still outstanding
- A wet summer caused re-scheduling of multiple projects
- Retirements and resignations



But despite challenges, progress has been made and our volunteers have been kept busy

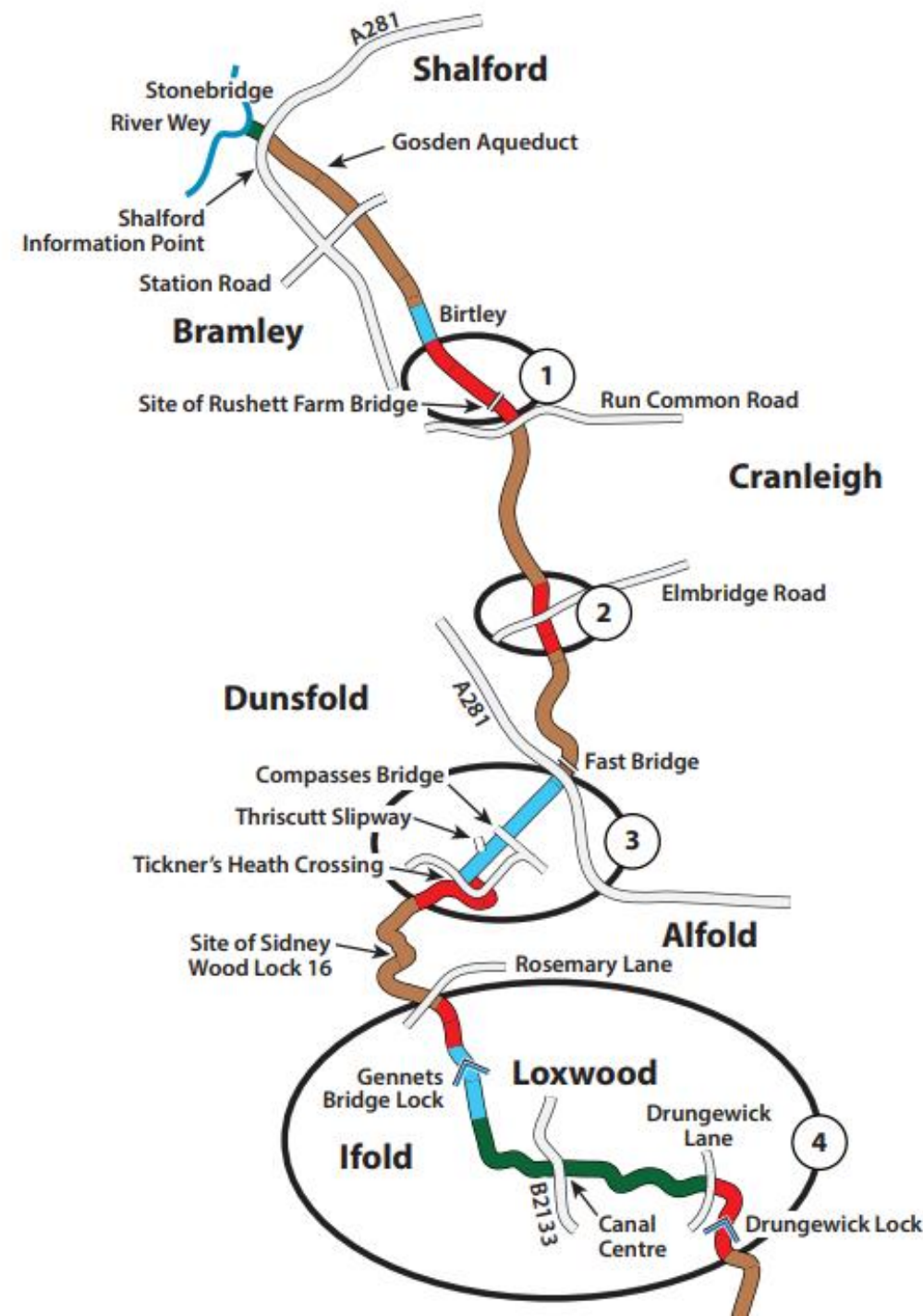
2025: Big Strides but still some challenges

- Rapid progress at Rook Hill and at Rye Farm
- A very dry summer – great for Projects but not for boat trips
- Grant Application and Corporate Donation success
- More retirements and resignations leave some big boots to fill



Priority Areas next 3 years

- South of Bramley
Rooks Hill – as presented by Bill
- Cranleigh
Rye Farm
- Dunsfold and Alfold
Tickners Crossing
- Loxwood
Bonfire Hanger, Lock repairs, Pump work



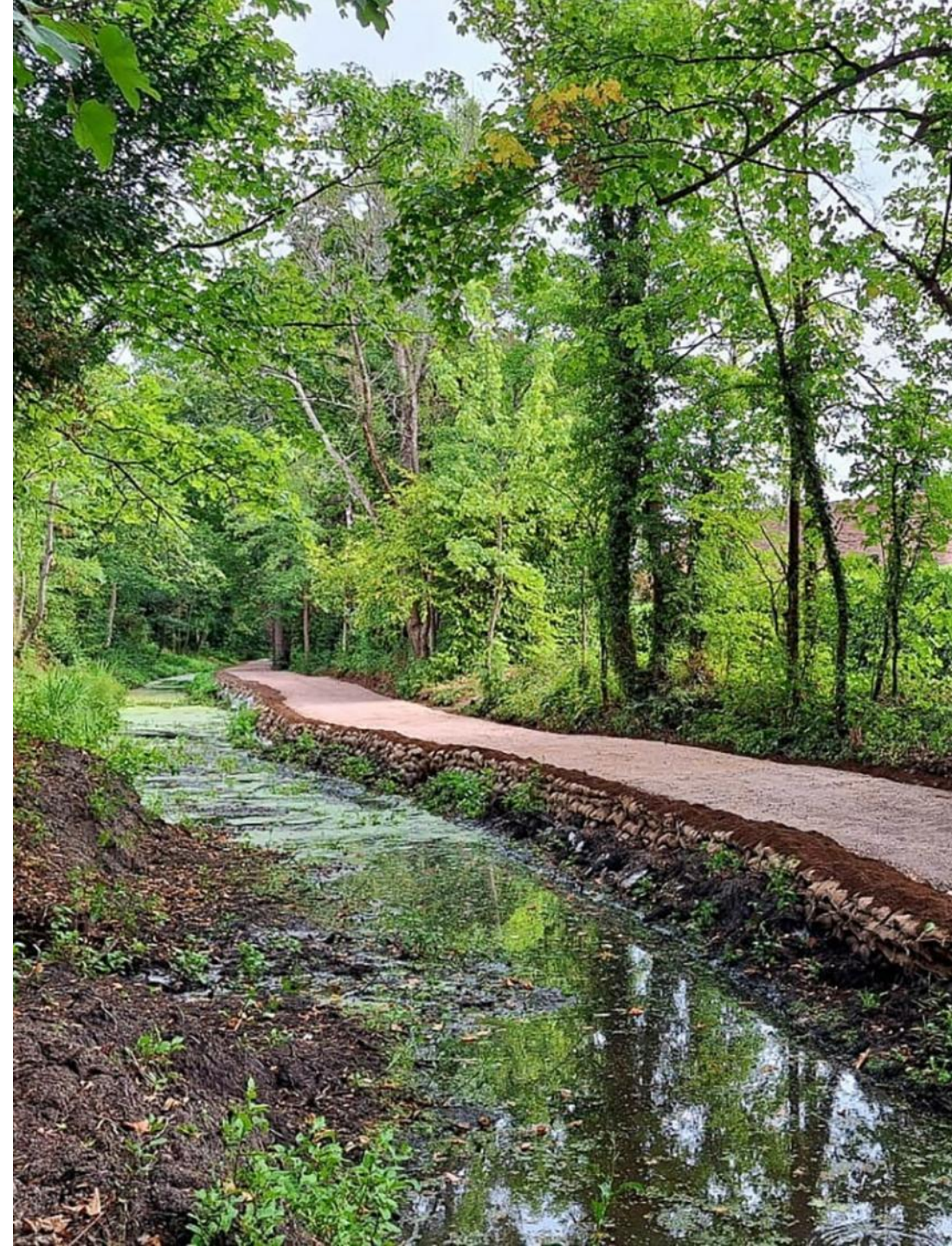
Rye Farm

Phase 1: Complete

- Work underway to create new towpath on a 190M stretch north of Elmbridge Road
- Filled Bulk bags being used to create banking
- £25k donation from landowner

Phase 2: Just starting

- A further 180M to completed
- Tree felling completed
- EWG started work this week



Tickners Crossing

Phase 1: Work has restarted

- Water main diversion finally completed
- Footpath reinstated over bridge
- Work to complete temporary road underway



Loxwood

Maintaining & Repairing a key focus – increased volunteer time and expenditure

- Remedial work on Bonfire Hanger Towpath completed
- Re-grouting of Baldwins Knob Lock completed
- Bank protection and repairs completed
- New pump below Drungewick Lock installed
- New water meter and caballing installed for Birch Copse pump



Communications

- October Wey-South now being distributed
- Monthly e-newsletter sent out yesterday
 - Free to subscribe so don't miss out
- Our Facebook followers nearing 6,000
 - Regular updates on our work and events
- Our MDV team continue to spread the word and sign-up new members
- The Canal Centre team welcome people to Loxwood
- A huge thank you to the Communications, MDV and Canal Centre volunteers



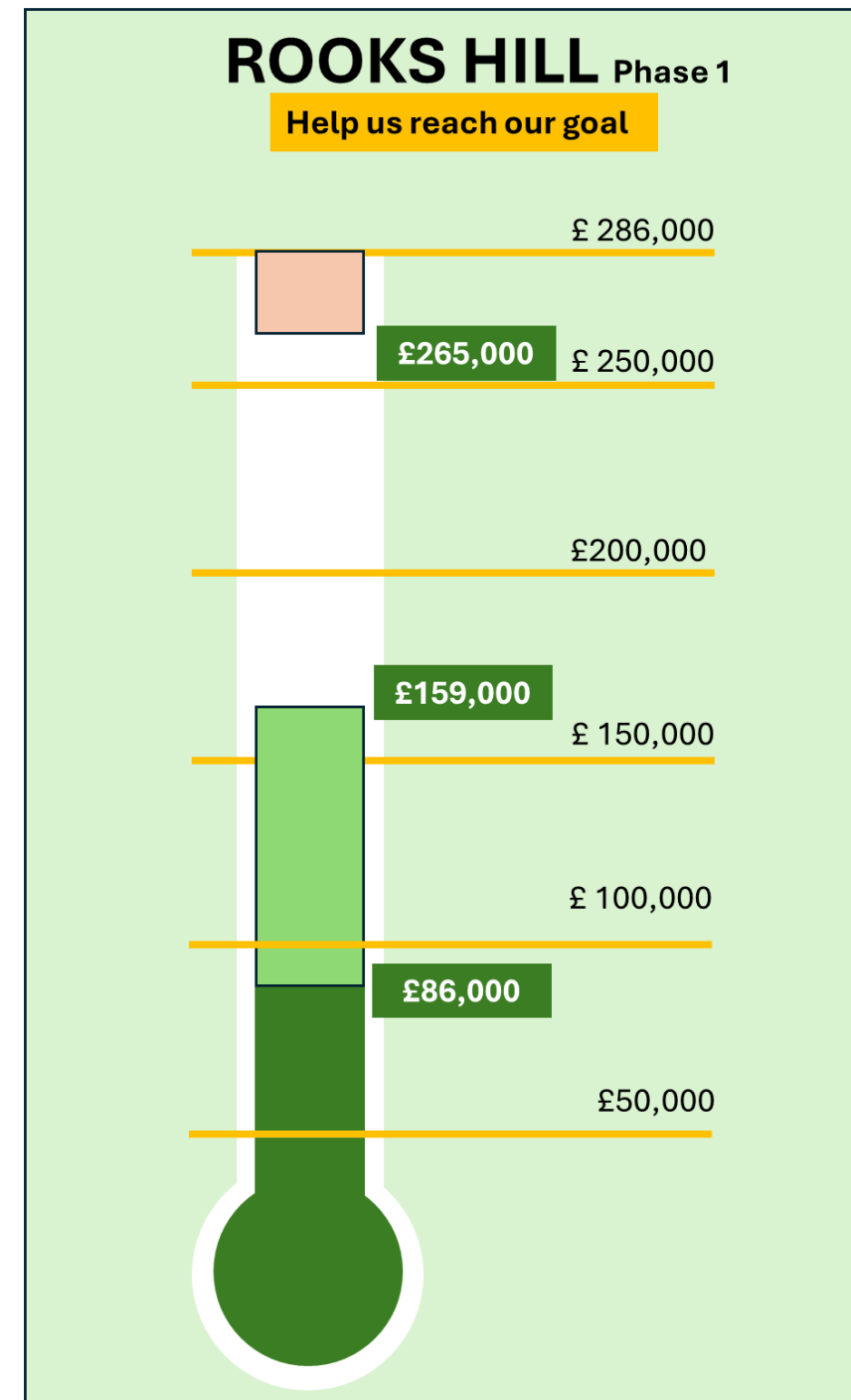
Grants and Donations

- Successful 2025 !
- **Asda Bramley** grant £30,000
- **Surrey Hills FIPL** grant £10,000 funding new equipment
- **Loxwood Parish Council** grant of £19,300 for equipment and towpath repairs
- **Wienerberger** Brick Donation for Rooks Hill – All the bricks for the bridge and culvert



Rooks Hill Appeal

- Great progress but another £106k needed
- £159,000 raised, £21,000 Cost savings
 - Legacies
 - Member and support donations
 - Asda Grant
 - Wienberger donation of 12,000 bricks
 - Discounted materials with support from Axtell, Guildford Tipper and Thakeham Homes
- Donations still being made : Over £2k so far in October
- Can you help us reach our goal ?



More volunteers needed

- **Working groups continue to attract new volunteers**
- **However, we still need more help in other areas to ensure we can continue to operate and attract new members**
 - Leadership and Coordination
 - IT and Data
 - Events and Publicity
 - HR and Finance
- **Volunteer – we have a job for everyone !**
Email volunteering@weyarun.org.uk



A shameless plug to finish !

- Have you purchased your
 - Christmas Cards ?
 - Our 2026 Calendar ?
 - Christmas Raffle Tickets ?





A serene autumn landscape featuring a calm pond in the foreground that perfectly reflects the surrounding forest. The trees are in various stages of autumn, with some displaying vibrant yellow and orange foliage, while others are bare, showing their intricate branch structures against a clear blue sky with light, wispy clouds. The reflection in the water is sharp and clear, creating a symmetrical effect. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and picturesque.

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