

## STREAMS PROJECT 2019

This year an enlarged team comprising six volunteers spent around 60 man-hours maintaining the area at the foot of Fen Lane during the period from early October to the end of February. Despite the increased numbers, a lack of heavy lifting tackle meant that parts of both main streams remain partially blocked by fallen trees. However, this did not stop the team from clearing gullies and ditches and removing silt from stream beds while Simon Gowen continued his one-man crusade to populate the Fen Lane verges with snowdrops, aconites and daffodils.

These verges are of special concern as 'Satnav' systems continue to direct heavy lorries towards Mill Lane via this totally unsuitable road. This, despite new warning signage at the lane's junction with The Street. As a direct result of this heavy vehicle activity the verges are constantly being damaged, gullies have become blocked and the foundations to the culvert running beneath the lane has moved, resulting in a restriction to the water flow. As a result, the parish council have recently agreed to erect a more prominent 'No Through Road' sign on land adjacent to the Bowls Club entrance which hopefully will alleviate the issue.



This last 'Streams' season was the team's tenth. There is every intention to continue to sympathetically manage this area and the group is always looking for recruits. If you can spare a couple of hours on alternate Sunday mornings over the winter months, then please contact Chris Lambert, either by phone on 01379-897053 or via email at [chrisd.lambert@gmail.com](mailto:chrisd.lambert@gmail.com)