

# Rothley Floods

Following a recent short burst of rain (16.07.10) which lasted around 5 minutes, I took a couple of photographs of Hallfields Lane and Town Green Street which demonstrate the effects a typical summer shower could have on the current surface water drainage system in these parts of Rothley.

I personally didn't realise the inefficiency of the existing drainage. I know when the roads flood in Rothley it forces drivers to drive on the opposite side of the road and causes traffic jams in both these areas but I didn't realise how little rain it took and how quickly it could happen.

Following the continued rain of the last couple of days (25 -27.08.10) I have noticed the same shortcomings in our surface water drainage but was absolutely amazed to see a series of flood signs and a service engineers van undertaking repairs to the drains on Hallfields Lane after such an insignificant amount of rainfall.

These photographs show the results of a short summer shower and a couple of day's non continual rain. If the council do not improve the current drainage system and allocate sufficient provisions for the current and proposed development behind Hallfields Lane the impact during a heavy winter storm could be catastrophic. Especially when coming out of the proposed site entrance on Hallfields Lane.

I doubt anybody at Charnwood Bourough Council could easily dismiss these concerns as I noticed that the Parish Council have a number of leaflets in the Rothley centre highlighting the flood issues in the village, therefore it must be a known issue to the local Council. Also I was recently been informed that residents of Town Green and Hallfields Lane are required to notify their insurers that they are at risk of flood. Therefore these problems must also be acknowledged by an even wider concern.

This issue of flooding is a real problem and is most certainly a legitimate concern in relation to the proposed new developments on Hallfields Lane. The problem should be given the correct consideration by the council when considering the anticipated Charles Church application and not dismissed as easily resolved through unproven theoretical drainage calculations provided by house builders whose primary concern is not that of the villagers it mostly effects.

I urge anyone effected by these floods to contact the local authority each and every time these floods occur to demonstrate the regularity and inconvenience suffered.