

**Flooding Issues in Bulby, 06 February 2026 – Information provided by Irnham Parish Council**



Hawthorpe Road, Bulby.

There are three roads into Bulby. This shows the road off the Kirkby Underwood to Hawthorpe Road. There is no flooding until just above the entrance to Hall Farm, Bulby. A pipe under the field entrance is blocked causing the water to pour down the road. This was reported in December 2024 via FixMyStreet Ref 2825249. We Understood LCC were taking enforcement action and the FixMyStreet state was changed to Closed. Whilst we can appreciate enforcement action takes time the damage caused by the excessive amount of water cascading down the road and eroding the banks and edges of the road is now even more of a problem.



This is the view down to the Pumping Station in Bulby from the gateway shown on the left.

There are 3 drains on the Hawthorpe Road into Bulby. The first two below Hall Farm are working the third is blocked.



The first two drains below Hall Farm take some water but are set well back from the road.



The third drain below Hall Farm is blocked and water flows out of it down the road. Reported recently under Ref 2871299.



This is the road from Elsthorpe into Bulby. There is no significant water pouring down the road into Bulby from this direction.



This image shows the entrance to the village by the ford. The bridge over the ford can be reached from the Irnham side but the road the other side is impassable. The 6' depth marker is under water. The following images show the water in the village today 06 February 2026 about 11am.



A view from the road bridge adjacent to the ford. The East Glen river has burst its banks.



Anyone coming over the bridge is faced with a flood. The foot bridge is almost under water.



The grit bin on the bank is almost under water.



Flooding in the main street of Bulby is now much worse since the two drains, one outside Keepers Cottage and one outside Fallowfield House have become blocked. (Reported under Ref 2871508 and Ref 2871515) The only drain working in the upper part of the village is the one outside Linden House.



We regularly clear debris washed down from this grid to help prevent flooding of properties down the village towards the ford.

The images above have all been taken around 11am on Friday 06 February 2026. We appreciate this is a particularly wet season this year but we are regularly experiencing flooding of this nature. We have been asking for help to ease the flooding in the village for a number of years. You will see from the images that where the drains are working we do our best to clear any debris but the drains reported need specialist clearing.

On the first four occasions, when we experienced severe flooding this year, gullies higher up the village were working well and taking a large amount of water. Unfortunately these have now become blocked with, we suspect, silt brought down during the previous floods and hence even more water is running down the road rather than the culvert. Bulby has no mains drainage. The gullies drain into a brick culvert as does the clean water from the private sewage plants. We are concerned that if the gully/culvert system is blocked then, as well as the increased risk of flooding to residential properties, sewage treatment plants could be affected.

To acknowledge in the response from LCC that the system is blocked but refuse to take any action we find unbelievable. Properties and sewage plants are at risk of flooding not to mention the state of the side of the road which is getting eroded. Local farmers point out the danger if these flooded roads become icy.

Irnham Parish Council try to be as helpful as possible when reporting issues to do with the highways in the parish. The Parish Council regret the need to make a formal complaint on this occasion but consider the response to the flooding issue raised under reference 2871508 to be totally unacceptable.