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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

I hope you have noticed some changes to the old canal alongside the path to Canal Mead. Part of it has been dredged, and in the second half of September a team of volunteers from the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group, assisted by a number of local people, completed the first phase of work. They have cleared a lot of rubbish and undergrowth and cut back overhanging branches to let in more light and give a clear flight path along the length of the canal. The cleared material has been laid to start forming a 'dead hedge' to provide a sheltered habitat for nesting birds and small mammals. The next phases will include staking the dead hedge to stabilise it, and introducing some native wetland plants.

Working with Sustrans, we are trying to find a way to improve pedestrian and cycle paths in the parish. Between North Mundham and Hunston the focus has been on exploring options to avoid the very narrow pavement next to the B2166. Inevitably we will only achieve this by negotiating with landowners to widen the path or find another route, and this has no easy immediate solution. Between Runcton and the farm shop the route is more obvious. We are some way to getting a workable solution, but because it is next to the highway it has to be built to highways standards. We need to make sure we have a robust and realistic cost estimate, but it looks as if it is going to be very expensive - think in terms of hundreds of thousands of pounds. We are still some way from working out how to pay for it. Although we have applied for some funding, it will not be enough and we will need to find some way of funding the balance. We are still looking at options.

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