

Notts County SC – Floodwaters – January 2021

What was once a rare occurrence, once every 10 years or so, has now happened in two consecutive years – the Trent valley flood plain becoming just that. The recent heavy rain across northern England has led to the Trent River gorging itself on the run off as it takes its long, looping route south, eastwards and then north up the country – eventually joining into the Humber. The resulting high levels, now thankfully passed, have led to it overcoming its banks, most relevantly for Notts County, just North of Hoveringham – in fact adjacent to the Lancaster memorial. The new Trent route for this overflow partially finds its way along the club’s southern boundary and appearing next to the containers as it flows into the small lake. Now filled to capacity the waters come across our access road at the windsurfers’ corner and into the main lake where it would normally pass through the overflow in the NE corner, into a subsequent lake before passing back into the Trent. However, as the Trent is too high this can’t happen so the main lake levels creep up. This volume increase is being supplemented by the local watercourses, to the north west, overtopping their banks and coming over the fields near mark 2. With the river levels now subsiding and no significant rainfall for a couple of days, we expect our lake levels to start to fall over the next days and weeks – until the NE outflow again establishes the correct level. We have been watching and working to make the pontoons etc accept this rise and fall with no adverse effects. The boat parks and clubhouse remain well clear. Let us trust that this is the worst flooding event for 2021!

Plans are established to improve the watercourses, but when the Trent’s levels get to the heights seen the club’s grounds are always going to have to accept the overflows. Some pictures below.

The Trent – passing the Lancaster memorial



A very full ‘Small’ lake



A full Main lake



Two lakes become one

