

All Stretton Flood Forum
Meeting Tues Jan 20th 2026
NT Café, Carding Mill Valley

Present: Sandra Baker, Steve Burrows, Caroline Crump, Patrick Edwardes, Janet Ferguson, Mike Goode, Lesley McIntyre, Chris Naylor

Apologies: Simon Barber, Dominic Bowyer, Matilda Clowes and George Emerson, Roger and Sheila Eyre, Jeremy and Kate Hunter, Mark Morris, Andy Munro

Minutes (following agenda as circulated)

1. Welcome & introductions

2. Apologies – as above

3. Minutes of last meeting
Approved

4. Finance update

Once the NFM/SWT report was signed off, ASFF would need to contribute the c £2k we had raised. Meanwhile Steve had been collating funding opps to progress the report recommendations. He had submitted an Eol to NL (AONB) in advance of their closing date. Other suggestions of potential funding very much welcomed please.

5. Shropshire Wildlife Survey

Mike, Janet and Chris were invited to a presentation of the NFM/SWT findings to CSTC on Thursday. Concern was expressed that:

- ASFF donors be properly credited
- ASFF have a chance to review the report at draft stage
- NFM recommendations be appropriate for ASFF as well as CSTC implementation, as appropriate

It was agreed that donors receive a copy of the final report, that it be shared with the ASFF email list, and be posted on the website

6. Yew Tree Bridge

Monitoring suggested the stream bed level through the culvert was back to its previous level. Sandra expressed her concern too. There was also concern about the stream bed level below the culvert. Mike to discuss with John Belliss.

Jane Grafton had commissioned a RICS surveyor to report on the ownership of the wall. Once received repair options could be discussed. Pat Beaumont's wall is subject to an insurance claim and is in hand

7. National Trust update

Batch Valley ford crossings

NT kindly offered to reprofile but had to await end of fish spawning restrictions (so either March or June). Janet and Mike expressed concern about gatepost adjacent to the stream and that this be kept in mind.

Rock armour

Patrick said NT intended to repair BV rock armour when fish restrictions lifted

Fallen tree (on Matilda and George's land)

Patrick said NT could offer help but he was keen the root plate didn't fall back into the stream. The meeting shared that wish. As it was Matilda and George's tree the decision about next steps lay with them, ofc. If they were taking a re-wilding approach then the fallen tree might play into that – and there might also be NFM opportunities too.

8. Severn Trent

Mike outlined concerns about recent Severn Trent works, their impact on BV drainage/sewage. It was agreed to get a face to face meet w ST in BV.

10 Date of next meeting

Proposed for mid week mid-March. Suggested 1pm Tues 17th March tbcf.