



Stonbury was contracted to carry out maintenance works along a section of a man-made channel after years of neglect had caused the channel to become overgrown.

Over time, the accumulation of debris had resulted in a build-up of silt in the reduced flow. This, in turn, caused vegetation to grow within the channel, trapping further silt and creating a silt berm/island.

Initial works involved clearing the wing walls to the inlet channel which supplied the surface water pumping station. This allowed the operatives to know exactly where the edge of the stonework was and avoid slips trips and falls, the most common risk on these types of sites.

The team then removed fallen trees and other obstructions that posed the potential to block the channel. All the arisings were chipped and removed from site.

All operatives working on maintenance works such as these are fully qualified within this sector, holding all the relevant certificates including CSCS, confined space, bush cutters/trimmers, First Aid at Work, Swiftwater and Flood First Responder and have various updated training on invasive weed control.