

**AXE BRUE DRAINAGE BOARD
&
PARRETT DRAINAGE BOARD**

**Notice to Farmers and Riparian Owners
2016/17 Rhyne Maintenance**

The Board and the Board's sub-contractors require access to the Board's Viewed Rhyne to carry out routine maintenance and weed cutting (under Sections 14, 15 and 64 of the Land Drainage Act 1991). The proposed timing of works will take place in accordance with the schedule of works, which is available on the Board's web site www.somersetdrainageboards.gov.uk/operations/maintenance/ or on request from the Board's office. Flailing of banks may be necessary and this may be undertaken two weeks prior to weed cutting. Riparian owners are reminded that a NINE METRE maintenance strip from the top of the bank must be kept clear for access. Whilst all efforts are made to minimise damage to crops it is not possible to interrupt or delay the programme to avoid harvesting operations as efficient routes for the weed cutting have been established. To minimise operational cost and disruption to the scheduled works the Board asks riparian owners/ratepayers to inform the Board of locked gates on known access routes. Farmers and Riparian Owners please note this programme is for guidance only and may vary due to weather conditions, weed growth and machine availability. For further details contact the office at Highbridge on 01278 789906.

If you are interested in undertaking this type of work for the Somerset Drainage Board Consortium please contact Matthew Wall, Axe Brue Area or Philip Ham, Parrett Area on 01278 789906