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EDITORIAL

THE article by Colin Tubbs on the ecology of the Itchen valley flood-plain (pp.5-22) indicates the unique character and importance of this valley. It is hoped that his conclusions (p. 20) will be read by all those who have to take decisions about its future. -

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