

# The River Ver and Abstraction by Andy Webb, August 2024

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Former offices/HQ of St Albans Waterworks Co, Holywell Hill (built 1908), now a Nursery School



The Old Pumhouse, Stonecross



Dried-up river, Shafford Mill, late 1980s



Top/Settling Lake, Verulamium Park, drained and desilted, dry Summer/Autumn (2<sup>nd</sup> October 2005)



New water pipes at The Cricketers, junction of Stonecross, Harpenden Road, Avenue Road, St Peter's Street, Summer 2022



Sinking of a modern borehole/well in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, near St Albans



Friars Wash Pumping Station, River Ver, August 1994