

Flood Precautions Surface & River Water

Dear Resident or Occupier,

As many of you will know several permanent homes, some businesses and many mobile homes were subject to flooding in 1998 and 2007 and in the worst cases the properties affected were not returned to normal usage for many months.

We have again this year, 2019 been reminded of the need to be prepared and take the necessary precautions to protect life and property. To our knowledge we have had 5 or 6 properties flooded this year. Clearing of ditches, gullies and pipes is important in limiting the impact of surface water flooding. If they are on highways land it is the responsibility of WCC and if on private land it is the responsibility of the land owner.

Whilst recognising that most people affected by flooding will have obtained most if not all of the information and advice available, the Parish Council feel it is important to ensure that everyone concerned is reminded of the risk of flooding and is aware of the following:-

Check if your property is at risk of flooding. Review the Environment Agency (EA) website at:
<https://www.gov.uk/check-flood-risk>

Then plan... The EA take you through a set of steps to ensure you stay safe and that you protect as much property as you can; view at: https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/plan-ahead-for-flooding?utm_source=warning&utm_medium=gov.uk&utm_campaign=prepare&utm_content=national-view

Register for flood warnings at: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings> . This service is free. You'll need to provide: the address you're registering; a phone number you can be contacted on day or night and an email address **or call: Floodline on 0345 988 1188** (check charges). It's a 24-hour service.

SAND BAGS can provide some defence against "low level" water ingress (as opposed to a full scale flood). The Parish Council has installed two containers, each holding one tonne of sand together with sand bags at the far left corner of The Bell car park (They are coloured green). See how to use them at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sandbags-how-to-use-them-to-prepare-for-a-flood>

Whilst the Environment Agency only normally issues flood warnings to occupants of registered properties at risk from flooding, a number of Parish Councillors are registered to receive flood warning and will ensure that the containers are unlocked.

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PREPARE

Prepare a bag that includes medicines and insurance documents.

Visit: www.flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/what-to-do-in-a-flood



ACT

Turn off gas, water & electricity
Move things upstairs or to safety
Move family, pets and cars to safety



SURVIVE

Call 999 if in immediate danger
Follow advice from emergency services
Keep yourself and your family safe