

Rushall Parish Flood Plan

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1 Versions

This plan will be reviewed annually and following any incident in Rushall or surrounding villages.

Any additions or comments on this plan should be emailed to the Parish Clerk; currently rushallparishclerk@gmail.com

Amendments to be highlighted in the space below.

There have been no incidents in the village over the past 12 months.

Monitored February 2020

2 Introduction

This plan is in response to recent events in surrounding villages in 2014 due to heavy winter and early spring rain fall. Rushall itself does not have a long recorded history of flooding. The plan is a proactive approach hoping to prevent flooding in any homes within Rushall, taking into account any potential effect on neighbouring villages.

3 Ownership

This plan is owned by Rushall Parish Council Flood Group.

4 Aim

To provide a Flood Risk Assesment on the village and to focus on detecting warning signs. Ensuring these are easily communicated to the community and the appropriate bodies to enable all parties to work together effectively.

5 Objectives

- Identify risks to the village in the event of a flood
- Identify vulnerable groups
- Identify resources available to the community
- Provide emergency details

6 Flood Group Roles

Flood Co-Ordinator;

To Arrange Annual review of the village flood arrangements, any works in program, liaise with WCC Emergency Dept.

In an emergency to notify flood wardens, contact WCC Emergency, Contact Fire Service.

Flood Warden;

To monitor the situation in the area, notify possible problems to the coordinator

In an emergency notify coordinator and affected householders.

Contact Numbers:

Wiltshire Police – 999 or 01380 735735

Environment Agency – 0800 807 060

EA Floodline – 0345 988 1188

Flood Coordinator – John Rogers

Rushall Parish Clerk – Claire Ridge 01980 635052

Contact Details for sandbags

Devizes	B&Q	01380 829100
Devizes	Jewson	01380 725441
Devizes	Sydenhams	01380 720888
Devizes	Roses	01380 722689

7 Flood Group Members

Richard Tilbury

John Rogers

Colin Gale

Caroline Larken

Lorraine Wornes

Claire Ridge

8 Emergency Flow Paths for Action

- If water is entering your house - Ring WCC Emergency, Wiltshire Fire Service – Turn off electricity, move papers and valuables upstairs if possible, contact the flood group
- Heavy Rain, is likely to cause problems – Ring WCC Emergency and CLARENCE – put in flood boards, sandbags, turn off electricity and move valuables upstairs, move cars to higher ground, contact the flood group who will assist any home owners facing problems.

9 Emergency Contacts

Wiltshire County Council

0300 456 0100 customerservices@wiltshire.gov.uk

WCC Emergency Dept out of hours

01684 312 066 / 0300 456 0100

Wiltshire Fire Service

999

CLARENCE HIGHWAYS

01225 777 234 clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk

10 Summary of Flood History

Rushall Parish Council have conducted their own risk assessments and have placed the area in the low to moderate flood risk and the history reflects this therefore we have no specific reports on flooding to houses. The most vulnerable property is 'Avon Villa' where the river does flood the garage. The road at the North East end of the village will flood at times when the river is beached and there is no water escape path

11 Action plan

To minimize any future flooding we have monitored the main area that could be a potential risk; where the River Avon runs through the village. Priority will be to monitor river levels in periods of heavy rainfall and advise house holders accordingly. There will be annual monitoring of the maintenance, and clearance of ditches.

12 Action to be taken in event of a red flood alert

Possible areas of risk: Houses close to the river at the north end of the village. Colin Gale is resident here and is continually monitoring the situation.

No areas highlighted at present