

Rushall Parish Flood Plan May 2026

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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 has been significant incidents in the village in January 2024 and again on 29th march 2024. The river was very high at Rushall Bridge, the drains and gully outside Avon Villa and River House were unable to cope with the level of water. Flooding was across the whole road and was approximately 30cm deep, sandbags had to be deployed to protect Avon Villa and the garage was totally flooded and had the car had to be removed from the garage.

Monitored January – May 2024

2 Introduction

This plan is in response to recent events in surrounding villages in 2014 due to heavy winter and early spring rain fall and the recent flood in Rushall in 2024. 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 Assessment 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.

To liaise with WC Emergency Dept:

- **MyWiltshire** to report flooding & weather emergencies, Highway issues, blocked gullies.
<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting>

PEAS (Parish emergency assistance scheme)

Gel sacs, florescent tabards, road flooded warning signs and grit

Parish clerks Email: weatherteam@wiltshire.gov.uk

- **Flood/emergency plans**
Advice or assistance, changes to contact details, flood wardens & volunteers
Email: drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk; renate.malton@wiltshire.gov.uk;
Chris.Manuel@wiltshire.gov.uk
- **Discretionary gully tanker services** (via your parish/town clerk)
Email: Wiltshiresewers@wiltshire.gov.uk

To sign upto the Environment Agency:

- Flood Warnings & Alerts
www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings
 - Make sure you and residents sign up for warnings and alerts.
 - If your community is in an area at risk of groundwater flooding, everyone should also ask to be signed up to the groundwater flood warning service.

- FORT – EA Flood Reporting system
 - <https://swim.geowessex.com/somerset/Report/Splash>
- Checking for flood information guidance e.g. current alerts & warnings and 5 day flood risk.
<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warning>
- Checking the flood risk in your community
<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/long-term-flood-risk/map>
- Checking river, sea and groundwater levels in your community
<https://flood-warnings-information.service.gov.uk/river-and-sea-levels>

In an emergency to notify flood wardens, contact WC 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:

Authority	Emergency	Non Emergency
Police	999	101
Ambulance	999	111
Fire & Rescue	999	
Wessex Water	<u>0345 600 4600</u> https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/contact-us	
Power Companies	105 (Electric & Gas)	
Vulnerable persons register	https://www.ssen.co.uk/power-cuts-emergencies/priority-services/priority-services-registration-form/	
National Highways (A419,A303,A36 & M4)	999	0300123 5000
Wiltshire Council (out of hours)	03004 560 100 Flooding Highway incidents Building control	0300 456 0105

Environment Agency	0800 80 70 60 Flooding from main river or environmental pollution incident	
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Flood Coordinator – John Rogers 01980 630 035

Rushall Parish Clerk – Claire Ridge 01980 635052

7. Consumables

Contact Details for sandbags

Hambleton Avenue, Devizes	B&Q	01380 829100
Garden Trading Estate, Devizes	Jewson	01380 725441
Station Road, Tidworth	Sydenhams	01980 883090
East Court Street, Devizes	Roses	01380 722689

Wiltshire Council (gel sacs)

weatherteam@wiltshire.gov.uk

(email address used by Wiltshire Council for flood/emergency planning, community resilience, and potentially other environmental or weather-related issues, as seen in Landford Parish Council's community plan for reporting issues or contacting relevant teams, suggesting it's for local resilience and weather warnings/support.)

8 Flood Group Members

Richard Tilbury	-	Flood Warden
John Rogers	-	Flood Co-Ordinator
Colin Gale	-	Flood Warden
Nigel Carson	-	Support
Iain Goodfellow	-	Flood Warden
Claire Ridge	-	Support

9 Emergency Flow Paths for Action

- If water is entering your house - Ring WC Emergency, Wiltshire Fire Service and contact the parish flood co-ordinator– Turn off electricity, move papers and valuables upstairs if possible, contact the flood group
- Heavy Rain, is likely to cause problems – Ring WC Emergency, and contact the parish flood co-ordinator – 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.

10 Emergency Equipment

Flood Warning Signs are kept at Chudleigh Cottage to be deployed either side of Rushall Bridge when the water is fully across the road.

Sandbags will be held at Chudleigh Cottage and Avon Villa.

11 Summary of Flood History

Rushall Parish Council has conducted their own risk assessments and has placed the area in the low to moderate flood risk and the history reflects this. However, although there has not been any specific flooding to houses, in January 2024 Avon Villa did require sandbag protection to the front of the house as water levels did reach close to the door entrance step. The garage to Avon Villa was flooded and the car had to be removed. River House and Hazelnut Cottage are on the watch list as they are low-lying properties. The road at the North East end of the village will flood at times when the river bank is breached and there is no water escape path.

It is the responsibility of individual homeowners to conduct their own risk assessments and put in place precautionary measures has the homeowners believe are necessary.

12 Properties at Risk

Based on the flood history combined with the lay of the land the properties considered to be at risk are:

Avon Villa, River House & Hazelnut Cottage.

13 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 and drains. Resolve the shortfall in the drainage from the highway to the river in Avon Villa. Aim to attach a measure to the bridge to record and report the height and date of the water levels in 2024.

14 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. Iain Goodfellow and Colin Gale are resident here and continually monitor the situation.

13 Map



Figure 1: Map of Rushall Courtesy of Google Maps