

# **WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN**

## **Aim**

The Aim of the Flood Management Plan is to enable Walberton to effectively prepare and respond to the risk of flooding in the Parish.

## **Risk**

Walberton is at risk from surface/ground water flooding after prolonged and heavy rainfall. The Environment Agency believes that 60 properties in the village are at risk of flooding. Recent flooding incidents were in November 2010, June 2012, and July 2012.

It should be noted that whilst certain roads get flooded, manhole covers lifted etc, flooding in individual properties is normally limited to a maximum depth of 2/3", and whilst distressing, is not likely to be life-threatening.

## **Flood Map**

Map attached showing areas at risk of flooding.

## **Emergency Planning**

This plan is produced and maintained by Walberton Parish Council, who have set up a Flood Management Task Force to deal with flooding issues.

## **Flood Warnings**

The Environment Agency provides flood warnings and should always be the main source of flooding information. There are four warning codes that may be issued. These are:

### **Flood Alert**

Flooding is possible. Be prepared.

### **Flood Warning**

Flooding is expected. Immediate action required.

### **Severe Flood Warning**

Severe flooding is expected. Extreme danger to life and property.

### **All Clear**

Flood watches or warnings are no longer in force in the area.

(It should be noted that Walberton is not at risk from coastal flooding)

Individuals and businesses can register to receive warnings from the Environment Agency by phone, text, email, pager or fax. You can sign up for Floodline Warnings

Direct by telephoning 0845 988 1188, or following the link <https://fwd.environment-agency.gov.uk/app/olr/home>.

### **Role of Flood Wardens**

There are six Walberton Flood Wardens, who are now registered with the Environment Agency Floodline to receive warnings for the parish and who are aware of the plan. We will receive alerts for the Barnham Rife at Barnham, including the B2233, Lake Lane, Orchard Way and Downview Road OP – Flood Warning Area 071FWF4901, and Aldingbourne and Barnham Rifles, Elbridge, Lidsey, Aldingbourne, Barnham, Yapton and Ryebank Rifles OP – Flood Alert Area 071WAF415. The reference number for the FWD (the warning service) is 89778437.

**Our customer reference number is: 89778437. The password is J4986dTr**

### **Areas Responsible For**

**Susan Sargeant**  
Tel 01243 542513

**Mill Lane, Walberton Green**

**David Morton**  
Tel 01243 543656

**Barrack Row**

**Suzi Clark**  
Tel: 01243 543766

**Eastergate Lane**

**Roger Putnam**  
Tel: 01243 552118

**Maple Road, The Street**

**Bob Turner**  
Tel: 01243 543483

**Oaktree Cottages, Barnham Lane**

**When flooding looks likely, wardens should obtain flood alerts and warnings for Barnham, which is on the Environment Agency automatic warning system. The flood map website is <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/31650.aspx>**

**Wardens should go door knocking at vulnerable properties and advise residents of likely flooding.**

**Emergency services should be contacted and advised of situation.**

**Police should be advised if roads need closing. Tel: 08456070999. Ian Jefferies, Police Traffic Manager, West Sussex. He is the liaison between the Police and Highways Managers.**

**Flood warning signs should be put in place.**

**Vulnerable residents will be advised of situation and assistance offered. In extreme circumstances evacuation can be to The Pavillion, Recreation Ground, Walberton. Ray Huskisson has keys to the Pavillion. If vehicles are stuck in flood waters, Paul Helyer (mobile 07973267835) can offer assistance with a tractor to remove stranded vehicles.**

### **Arun District Council Responsibilities**

- Support and care for the local and wider community
- Support to the Emergency Services
- Effective use of resources to mitigate the effects of an emergency
- Maintaining council services to the community during an emergency.

The District Council has a particular responsibility for the provision of accommodation for those made homeless by an emergency, and a role in aiding clearance of environmental contamination and environmental monitoring.

Post flooding the local authority will take a leading role in rehabilitating the community and restoring the environment. All local authorities throughout Sussex have agreed by way of a Mutual Aid Agreement to provide resource support to neighbouring local authorities in the event of a localised emergency.

### **Roles of the Emergency Services**

The Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Ambulance Service, Environment Agency, Utility Services will all play their roles in co-ordinating and facilitating rescue and flood relief provision.

### **Property Owners**

The principal actions of owners of properties at risk of flooding or are flooded are:

- Move to a safe area if life is at risk
- Prevent water from entering property if possible
- Switch off electricity and gas supplies at mains.
- Move valuable possessions above floor areas liable to be flooded.
- Work with your neighbours and prepare in advance.

### **Other Relevant Information:**

The Flood Task Force can liaise with Guy Edwards, Emergency Officer at Arun District Council

An incident log should be kept, and actions recorded in it.

The Environment Agency, and Arun District Council have a copy of our Emergency Flood Plan.

### **Contacts and Communication Links**

	<b>Tel Home</b>	<b>Areas Responsible for:</b>
<b>Walberton Parish Office</b>	<b>01243 554528</b>	
<b>Walberton Flood Co-Ordinator:</b>		
<b>Susan Sargeant, Ivy Cottage Mill Lane, Walberton</b>	<b>01243 542513</b>	<b>Mill Lane Walberton Green</b>
<b>Flood Wardens:</b>		
<b>David Morton</b>	<b>01243 543656</b>	<b>Barrack Row</b>
<b>Suzi Clark</b>	<b>01243 543766</b>	<b>Eastergate Lane</b>
<b>Roger Putnam</b>	<b>01243 552118</b>	<b>Maple Road/The Street Eastern End</b>
<b>Bob Turner</b>	<b>01243 543483</b>	<b>Oaktree Cottages Barnham Lane</b>
<b>Sue Wallsgrove</b>		<b>Fontwell</b>
<b>Angela England</b>		<b>Eastergate Lane</b>
<b>Environment Agency Floodline</b>	<b>0845 988 1188</b>	
<b>Environment Agency National Contact Centre</b>		<b><a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk">www.environment-agency.gov.uk</a></b>
<b>24/7 Incident Hotline</b>	<b>0800 807060</b>	
<b>Ask for Sussex Flood Warning Duty Officer</b>		
<b>Nigel Sell</b>	<b>01962 764904</b>	
<b>Incident Management Team Leader – general queries</b>		
<b>Internet</b>		<b><a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk">www.environment-agency.gov.uk</a></b>
<b>Click on “View Flood Warnings in Force” on the home page of Environment Agency</b>		
<b>Arun District Council</b>	<b>01903 737748</b>	<b>Office Hours Only</b>
<b>Guy Edwards, Emergency Planning Officer</b>		

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## INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS AT RISK OF FLOODING

The likelihood of flooding is very real, especially for those who live in areas at high risk. Five million people in England and Wales live or work in a floodplain. If you are one of those people you may be aware that your property is more likely to be flooded than it is to catch fire. Would you know what to do in the event of a flood?

Walberton is situated on the Barnham Rife to the south of the South Downs and is at risk of surface water flooding. 60 properties in the parish have been identified by the Environment Agency as being at risk. As part of Exercise Watermark (a nationwide awareness exercise led by the Environment Agency) Walberton Parish Council has set up a Flood Task Force. This group has produced a Flood Management Plan, and its aim will be to inform the community, liaise with the emergency services, and assist before and after any flooding incidents.

You can check if your property is at risk by viewing the Environment Agency flood maps, and sign up with them for flood warnings. Floodline Warnings Direct provides a free flood warning service direct to individuals by telephone, mobile, email, text message or fax. You can sign up by telephoning 0845 988 1188 or register on line by following the link <https://fwd.environment-agency.gov.uk/app/olr/home>.

One of the simple and most important things to do is write a simple flood plan which sets out what you will do when faced with a flood. Key points are:

- Check your insurance cover and ensure it covers flood damage.
- Know how to turn off your gas, electricity and water mains supply
- Prepare a flood kit of essential items such as a torch and wind up radio
- Decide where you will go and how you will contact other people
- Think about what you would want moved to safety during a flood
- Create a list of important contact numbers (eg Floodline 0845 988 1188)

If your property is flooded it can be not only costly, but also cause considerable inconvenience and heartache. Whilst it is impossible to completely flood-proof a property there are a number of products on the market which can help. The Walberton Flood Task Force has details of many effective products e.g. replacement airbricks which prevent water entering at underfloor level, door guards, fence panels etc. We also have a sample of a "Floodsax", a gel filled pillowlike sachet, which is an up to date and lightweight alternative to a sandbag. The Parish Council office is open on Monday and Wednesday mornings, and Friday mornings on Village Market days. Please do contact Ray Huskisson in the office if you would like to see these flood prevention measures. Tel: 01243 554528, email: [clerk@walbertonpc.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:clerk@walbertonpc.wanadoo.co.uk)

The Environment Agency website also has a list of suitable flood prevention products. The National Flood Forum is also available to give advice. They can be contacted on 012 9940 3055, [www.floodforum.org.uk](http://www.floodforum.org.uk).

Please note that sandbags are not currently provided by the local authority. It is up to individual households to make their own arrangements. Sand and bags are available

from Mick Kennedy at Westergate, telephone number 01243 543530. Current price is £3.00 each.

**Walberton's Flood Task Co-Ordinator is:**

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*N.B. Information correct at July 2012*

