



Community Flood Warden We Need You

Community Flood Wardens are members of the local community and are supported by the Local Authorities, the Environment Agency and LLR Prepared. Nominated volunteers will sign up with their District Council and become part of the Community Flood Plan for their area. They will also receive direct flood warnings from the Environment Agency and pass these on to their neighbours.

What is the role of a Community Flood Warden?

Each Community Flood Warden will have a certain area that he/she will look after, and by working together with the Local Authority and the Environment Agency, ensure their community is prepared for flooding.

This could be in a variety of ways, for instance:

- Ensure members of the community have received direct flood warnings, understand what they mean and where to obtain further information
- Work as a community to prepare for a flood event and identify vulnerable people within the community who may need extra help
- Report blocked drains, ditches, etc to the relevant authority

Community Flood Wardens should always remember Health and Safety is very important and never place themselves in positions where their own personal safety is at risk. In particular, they should not:

- Enter any flood water whatsoever
- Put themselves at risk to attempt any form of rescue operation
- Attempt to clear blocked drains, gullies, ditches or watercourses

Why do we need Community Flood Wardens?

Since the year 2000, a large number of communities have been affected by some of the worst flooding for 50 years, and have been forced to confront the devastating consequences that flooding can bring. Flooding is a natural process and whilst it cannot be prevented, there are things we can do to prepare for a flood event.

Although the Environment Agency issue warnings for most main rivers and the coast, it is important for individuals and local communities to understand that they also have a responsibility to look after themselves, their families and properties by preparing for flooding. Flooding can be made worse by blocked drains and other obstructions – by monitoring and reporting such conditions to the appropriate authority, flood wardens can help to reduce potential problems.

Become a Flood Warden by contacting

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