

**Malmesbury Area Board – 3 July 2013 (updated following 6 March area board)**

**Flipchart Notes from Flooding and Emergency Planning Item January 2013**

<b>What went well</b>	<b>Issues</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>Malmesbury Town</b>	Residents and MVCAP got together and took sandbags to one central base → took to key areas in town.	
	Using website / Facebook to collect information and where help was needed.	
	Congratulations to Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service and Wiltshire Police for work at Town Bridge. Dave Ridges, Old Corporation – 24/7 working. Local community opened up their houses to those affected.	
<b>Dauntsey</b>	Resident about to be flooded. Spotted culvert blocked. Danny Everett Emergency procurement to get JCB on site to get culvert cleared within 1 hour. Result – house not flooded. Dauntsey flood plan and processes worked. Communications / liaison worked. Farmer/Council/Parish.	
	Measuring on River Avon available on the web to see river levels. Link on flood information website	
	Areas of roads around Dauntsey previously flooded didn't on this occasion. Measuring sticks at key flooding areas to see depth of flood.	Miranda Gilmour (MG) will investigate how many and where needed as well as cost and report back to the Area Board. <i>10 sticks requested but costs and other issues are being investigated.</i>
	Group of people in Dauntsey do ditch walks keeping an eye on key areas.	
<b>Crudwell</b>	Maintenance of brook helped. Fire Brigade helped to slow people going through water very fast. WFS advice is: drive through slowly maintaining revs on vehicle.	
<b>General</b>	Automated message from Floodcall. Able to move car. Those on register can alert others. No parking fines next day.	
	Use of web – to provide information/good planning. Ready to react, whatever the weather.	
	WC suspended skip licences so people could get skips in as soon as possible.	
	Restrictions lifted for commercial recycling at Stanton St Quintin recycling centre.	
	Local highway teams helped clear affected houses.	
	Two flood engineers are great – need a third and increase in funding.	

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What can be improved?	Issues	
<b>Crudwell</b>	Still experiencing problems	Request Danny Everett and Cllr. Jonathan Seed to make contact The OFWG (North) is now chaired by Cllr. Simon Jacobs, while Cllr. Jonathon Seed has strategic responsibility for flooding/drainage county wide. Crudwell parish council regularly attend the flood working group so any new/old issue can be discussed. <i>Matters resolved</i>
<b>Hankerton</b>	Waiting for actions from surveys done by local people. Hold up is due to only 2 flood engineers. Need help getting farmers, etc. to do their part and assistance from engineers to get actions completed. Issues need addressing between Crudwell/Hankerton.	Environment Agency is following this up. Cllr. Toby Sturgis to follow up.  Cllr. Sturgis updated the 6 March Area Board on the progress with the Environment Agency and also highlighted an upcoming meeting with the Country Land and Business Association (CLA) and the National Farmers Union (NFU) regarding access to blockages on land that contribute to flooding. <i>Cllr. Sturgis then highlighted that he would update the next Area Board meeting with the outcomes from this meeting and developments against the flood action sheet.</i>
<b>Little Somerford</b>	Little Somerford – sewer backed up and coming up through manhole covers foul water → road → river. Wessex Water say issue with housing water going into wrong place – can we get advice on this. Danny Everett – recommended people report individually to Wessex Water not a composite report. If 30 houses ensure 30 reports since Wessex Water count number of reports not houses affected.	<i>Cllr. Toby Sturgis is addressing this issue at present</i>

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	Agricultural land has drainage systems that have been destroyed causing current issues.	Little Somerford PC and Cllr. Toby Sturgis
<b>Brinkworth</b>	Survey sent for sucking out (Brinkworth/Dauntsey B4042) silt/grips only had 2 done to date. Parish Stewards say can't do it unless had permission from office. Concern what Parish Stewards doing. Grips are essential for clearance. Answer – Bill Parks will take this away and address.	Bill Parks to address. Owen Gibbs, Chairman of Brinkworth Parish Council confirmed at the 6 March area board that all roads around Brinkworth were now clear. <i>Matter resolved</i>
<b>General</b>	Identifying key culverts, ditches, etc. and areas that are critical for clearing to avoid flood.	Parish Council responsibility – MG reminder via parish newsletters/CAN
	Vehicle drivers driving through water too quickly (can damage properties/other vehicles)	Reminder for parish magazines/blog site/CAN highlighting this issue in the Autumn.
	Dealing with properties (which flood) away from rivers. Issue of home insurance	Resident's responsibility to report incidents at an early stage to enable investigations.
	Legislation is insufficient to enable enforcement on private landowners. Problem for Environment Agency on main river.	Seek support of James Gray to highlight problems with the government. Enforcement powers are needed.
	Farmers / landowners → Issues of getting special dispensation or authority to do any work – very limited timeframes to do work which caused problems if weather is unsuitable for work.	This can be a problem – common sense needs to be applied.
	Any photos of flooding in Malmesbury (this flood event) please give to Malmesbury Town Council to enable them to calibrate the flood model.	Community responsibility.

**Malmesbury Area Board 6 March 2013 – additional actions**

It was also confirmed that a meeting has been held in regarding the installation of a channel in Luckington where the land owner has agreed to the works.

Malmesbury Town Council would be invited to present its Flood Plan at the July area board