

## South West Wiltshire Area Board 13 October 2010

### Chairman's Announcements

#### Reminder to Parish Councils regarding Community Flooding Consultation

Please could any parishes that have not yet returned their flooding information request details, do so as soon as possible. These should be sent to Renate Malton (Project Officer) at the address below:

Derby Court  
White Horse Business Park  
Trowbridge  
BA14 OXG.

If you have lost your original pack or require an additional one for any reason, please contact Renate Malton, on 01225 712514 or [renate.malton@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:renate.malton@wiltshire.gov.uk).

Wiltshire Council has a duty under the Flood and Water Management Act to establish, quantify and record the levels of flooding within the county following on from the Pitt review and recent major flooding events. As a lead authority, Wiltshire Council can ask other bodies within the county to provide relevant information in order to allow the discharge of duty. This duty is on both lead and local authorities, which includes town and parish councils.

Wiltshire Council is beginning to get enough data to start making statistical comparisons, for example the number of parishes who have reported internal property flooding, have flood supplies and are on the Environment Agency warning telephone list. This is providing information on where in the county Wiltshire Council might like to prioritise storing flood supply equipment, or where the parish have identified issues with blocked culverts/drains enabling us to investigate the current schedules.

The information Wiltshire Council has received to date has been on the whole very good, it has been loaded onto the GIS system and the overlay is taking shape and is very informative.

If issues are subsequently raised at Area Board level by the parishes who have not responded, this will impact the time taken for their work to be undertaken and it will impact on any planning issues, as access to this information is very important. This work will benefit the parishes as well as county.

#### Flood Awareness Event - 19<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Salisbury City Hall – 1 pm – 4 p.m

Town and parish council representatives are invited to attend the second of our flood awareness events organised in partnership between Wiltshire Council and the Environment Agency's Wessex Office.

Mike Hewit Cllr for Bourne & Woodford Valley will be opening the event. Topics covered include:

- Roles & Responsibilities post Pit
- Community Engagement & Involvement
- Developing an urban flood warden and community flood plan
- Ban the sandbag

This is an opportunity to meet with staff from the Environment Agency, Wiltshire Council and also look at the display provided by the National Flood Forum.

For more details contact: Renate Malton 0800 23 23 23 or email [renate.malton@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:renate.malton@wiltshire.gov.uk)

### **Flood Warden Seminar - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Letters have gone out inviting new and existing flood wardens to attend a seminar organised by the Environment Agency in conjunction with Wiltshire Council Emergency Planning Services and Operational Flood Working Group. The event has been timed to coincide with the second of our Flood Events in Salisbury.

The seminar will include updates on the new flood warning codes, and practical exercises for the wardens.

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