

Coombe Bissett & Homington Flood Plan.

Introduction

This plan is intended to give an overview to the residents of Coombe Bissett and Homington in preparing for a flood, and indicate the activity required to mitigate some of the effects of flooding, e.g. protecting property and managing the flood. Information for anyone affected by flooding, plus the responsibilities of the Parish Council and other organisations are also described in the following pages. The actions expected of each municipal organisation are listed in the plan, but that does not mean to say that the organisations necessarily accept that it is their responsibility to do so or have Coombe Bissett & Homington as a priority area.

Flood warnings

The Environment Agency's Local Flood Warning Plan provides details of the flood warning arrangements for specific Flood Warning Areas where there is a risk of flooding from rivers or the sea.

For further information please visit; www.environmentagency.gov.uk or call the floodline on 0345 988 1188

There are three warning codes. These are:



Flooding is possible
Be prepared



Flooding is expected
Immediate action required



Severe
Danger to life.

You can register with Floodline Warnings Direct – who will give you warnings of any flood situations: <https://fws.environment-agency.gov.uk>

Also, visit - <http://www.nationalforum.org.uk> – for advice on protecting you and your property from flooding.

Level of response

Priority is likely to be given to the old or infirm when assisting people and to occupied property when protecting property. The classification of roads may be used in prioritising responses to road flooding and the protection of commercial property may depend on the risk of environmental pollution from stored chemicals etc.

Owners and occupiers should make their own arrangements to protect their property from flooding.

Coombe Bissett Parish may assist with the provision of sandbags to property owners on request if there is a risk of flooding to premises, however this will be on a priority basis.

Priorities are preservation of life, followed by limitation of property damage.

Parish Council Response

Flood Warden, or Deputy, Responsibilities:

The flood group/volunteers will ensure the following actions are taken under instruction of the Warden (or Deputy depending on the timing of the Flood Alert) where appropriate to the conditions noted at the time and any expected change to said conditions. If the Flood Warden is not available, the Deputy Warden will perform the duties of the Flood Warden.

- Contact Environment Agency (Duty Officer) to inform them that the village flood plan has been activated and to ascertain risk and rate of flooding/agree call back frequency.
- Check availability of Flood group and volunteers. **Stay safe – flood warden and volunteers are reminded not to enter flood water.**
- Check vulnerable residents/properties at risk, encourage residents to deploy property defences.
- If/when conditions dictate inform the relevant volunteers to put the 'Flooded' signs.
- Report any internal property flooding on My Wilts App and then email the drainage team: drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk
- A log of all incidents will be kept by the flood warden.

Authorities involved.

Environment Agency

The principal actions of the Environment Agent (EA) include:

- Issuing flood warnings
- Receiving and recording details of all flooding incidents
- Monitoring the situation and advising other organisations
- Dealing with emergency repairs and blockages on main rivers and own structures
- Responding to pollution incidents
- Advising on waste disposal issues

Wiltshire Council

The actions of the Council include:

- Co-ordinating emergency arrangement as appropriate
- Maintaining safe conditions on the roads
- Clearing blockages on highway drainage systems
- May take action to protect property from flooding by water from the highway where there is a failure of the highway.

Coombe Bissett Parish Council

The actions of the Parish Council are:

- Liaising with relevant authorities
- Allocating sandbags on a priority basis
- Distribution of pumps if required
- May put out flood warning signs
- Assisting vulnerable residents with evacuation if necessary

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

The principal actions of the Fire and Rescue Service are:

- Rescuing the trapped
- Responding to calls for pumping assistance when available.
- Assisting villagers where a need is identified and the use of Fire Service personnel and equipment is relevant.

Wessex Water

The principal actions of Water Companies are:

- Emergency over pumping or tankering at pumping stations where such action can reduce the risk of flooding.
- Clearing blockages in public sewers and Wessex Water operated storm overflows.
- Repairing burst sewage and water pumping mains
- Provision of drinking water if required.

Electricity, gas and telecommunication companies

The principal actions of the electricity and gas companies are:

- Attend to emergencies relating to their service at properties putting life at risk as a result of flooding.
- Attend to flooding emergencies at their own service installations.

Property Owners

The principal actions of owners of property at risk of flooding:

- Prevent water from entering their property if possible.
- Move motor vehicles to high ground.
- Close off flow valves to any fuel or oil containers.
- Switch off electricity and gas supplies at mains.
- Move to the nearest high point if flooding is inevitable taking important personal possessions, documents, items of sentimentality or high value.
- Ensure the safety of pets.

Business Owners

The principal actions of business owners of property at risk of flooding:

- Prevent water from entering their property if possible.
- Move motor vehicles to high ground.
- Close off flow valves to any fuel or oil containers.
- Switch off electricity and gas supplies at mains.
- Move to the nearest high point if flooding is inevitable taking important personal possessions, documents, items of sentimentality or high value.

- Ensure the safety of pets/livestock.

All residents

Do not drive unnecessarily through floodwater. If this is essential, please drive slowly to prevent wash from your vehicle.

Useful Contact Numbers:

Flood Wardens:

Coombe Bissett:

David Parson – 07831 486080

Nic Artiss – 07710 644445

Homington: Mrs Michelle King – 07899 950195

For sandbags and pumps contact the Flood Warden

Instructions for sandbags and pumps are on www.coombebissett.com

Priority will be given to those most vulnerable.

Flooding, Drive Slowly signs are stored at the Pound, Coombe Bissett

Emergency contacts:

www.gov.uk/check-flood-risk

Floodline – 0345 988 1188

Environment Agency – 0800 80 70 60

Wiltshire Council – 0300 456 0100 (out of hours emergency number)

Salisbury District Hospital – 01722 336262

NHS – 111

Wessex Water Floodline – 0345 600 4600

Southern Electric – 0800072 728

Gas – 0800 111 999

RSPCA – 0300 123 4999

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Signed: