

Flood Preparation

With winter and the wet weather upon us please be prepared for any flooding. Below are a few tips to help you.

- Sign up for flood alerts:
Telephone: 0345 988 1188 or www.environment-agency.gov.uk.
- Visit www.nationalforum.org.uk for advice on protecting your property.
- Have a personal flood plan ready, ensure all family members know the plan.
- Ensure you have enough sandbags to cover doors and floor vents. Available from local builders' merchants.
- Keep a list of emergency numbers to hand.
- Check on elderly or vulnerable neighbours. If you think someone might need help, please contact the Flood Warden for your area.

If your area has a flood warning (when flooding is expected) or severe flood warning (when there's a danger to life):

- Turn off your gas, electricity and water supplies, if it's safe to do so - do not touch an electrical switch if you're standing in water.
- Move your family, vehicles, pets and important items to safety, for example upstairs or to higher ground.
- Ensure your car is parked in a safe place.
- If you have them, use flood protection ie sandbags, pumps.
- Follow advice from the emergency services - you may be asked to evacuate.

Stay safe during flooding.

- **Do not** walk through flood water, it may have debris or be slippery.
- Keep in contact with emergency services.
- If you must drive, take care and drive very slowly through flood water to avoid damaging other people's property.
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Please be prepared and report any flooding. For further can be found on the Coombe Bissett Website.

Contact Numbers:

- Flood Warden contact number:
Coombe Bissett – David Parson: 07831 486080 Nic Artiss: 07710 644445
Homington – Michelle King: 07899 950195
- Wessex Water Floodline – 0345 600 4600
- Southern Electric – 0800072 728
- Gas – 0800 111 999
- Wiltshire Council – 0300 456 0100 (out of hours emergency number)

Sandbags and pumps are available for emergencies from Coombe Bissett Parish Council, please contact the Flood Warden for emergency supplies.

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