

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY FROM FLOODING

Over the last month the Steventon Community Flood Group has been working to ensure that we can deliver on our aim of reducing the impact of further flooding by education, preparation and early response.

Each of the 3 groups (Environment & Ecology, Response & Admin) have met regularly and made lots of progress already.

We have established lines of communication with the **Environment Agency** and are working to understand the mechanisms of flooding through the village.

We have conducted our own observations, but invite you to **share your experiences of the flood through a survey** with the aim of understanding the evolution of the recent flood across the village (**see back page**).

The team is also developing an **early warning system** that will notify residents of potential flooding. This is a fantastic tool to ensure we have as much notice as possible when flooding is likely, and we urge one person per household to sign up (**see back page for details**). More news on when the system will go live to follow in the coming months.

What's next for the group? The Response team are working hard to ensure that we are physically prepared for flooding in future - including our sandbag storage and distribution plans. We will share more information in subsequent issues of Steventon News, along with more support tools for those residents who cannot access information digitally.

Thank you to all those who are volunteering and if anyone would be willing to volunteer their time for any of the groups please email the team.

Get in touch: steventoncfg@gmail.com

DID YOU FLOOD IN STORM HENK?

**Register your property for
Council Tax relief and recovery
grant:**

[www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com
/property-flood-resilience
-repair-grant/](http://www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com/property-flood-resilience-repair-grant/)

Helpful links:

ENSURE YOU RECEIVE ALERTS WHEN THERE IS A RISK OF FLOODING

01 SIGN UP FOR STEVENTON FLOOD ALERTS

We will soon have an emergency communication tool that will SMS or call residents that are prone to impact from a flood. The aim is to provide early indicators for key residents ensuring they have ample time to get protective measures in place. Sign up to receive these alerts via the QR code or the paper registration form delivered to your door soon.

Scan here

to complete the questionnaire or sign up to local flood alerts online.



A paper copy will also be delivered to every home in the village.

02 COMPLETE OUR FLOOD QUESTIONNAIRE

To understand how water flows through the village we'd like to incorporate your experiences into a Community Flood Plan. Please complete this survey to help us understand the timeline, the levels of flooding in different parts of village & how different water flows affected flooding across the village. **All information is helpful.** Thank you.

03 SIGN UP FOR ENVIRONMENT AGENCY FLOOD ALERTS

A free service from the Environment Agency (EA) enables you to receive flood alerts and warnings by text, call or email. You can also register a local friend, relative or staff member in case you are away from the property at the time a warning is received. The service provides warnings for the risk of flooding from main rivers and the sea, and not from surface water. We therefore advise signing up for both the EA and local flood warning systems. **Visit www.gov.co.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings or call 0345 988 1188.**

Environment Agency Flood warnings explained:



FLOOD ALERT

This means that **flooding is possible** and you need to stay alert and vigilant, making early preparations for a potential flood.



FLOOD WARNING

This means that **flooding is expected** and immediate action is required to protect yourself and your property.



SEVERE FLOOD
WARNING

Severe flooding is expected, and is likely to cause significant risk to life and destruction of property.