

# Parish Council Emergency Planning Training

Flooding incidents  
Information for Parishes

# Flooding

- History of flooding in the Braintree District
- Main areas of flooding
  - Mainly localities close to rivers
- Frequent re-occurrences
  - 1998, 2001, 2002, 2007, 2009, 2010

# Where?



- Rivers – can you name all of the rivers in the District?

- Blackwater
- Brain
- Pant
- Colne
- Stour

- & tributaries - Bumpstead Brook, Ter, Pod's Brook,

- Surface water flooding – where?

- There are specific areas that we all know of in our Parishes, but have you told Braintree District Council?
- Caused by blocked drains / run off from fields



# Resilience



- Flood Protection Products – what are these?
  - Floodsax®, Flood Boards, Air brick covers
- Self Help
  - You are usually the first to know about flooding in your area. Make sure that you have a flood plan ([hyperlink](#)) from the Environment Agency, flood protection products and a Flood [“grab Bag/box”](#)
- Community awareness
  - Do you have a Parish newsletter? Tell your Community about what’s available out there to help them, and about what you are doing as a Parish – how about holding a flood fair?
- BDC Flood policy
  - Multi-Agency Flood Plan
    - Braintree has a Flood policy which links into a multi-agency plan. This makes sure that we are all working to achieve the same end.
    - Braintree District Council no longer hold a stock of sandbags – this has been widely publicised since November 2009
    - Braintree District Council will endeavour to assist in times of emergency



# What can the Parish do

- Parish Emergency Plan – Do you have one?
  - Every Parish has their own Parish Emergency Plan, make sure it is useful - local contact numbers, local resources i.e. generators and 4x4 vehicles, key-holder information for Halls etc
- Parish Risk Register – What's this?
  - Part of Parish Emergency Plan
  - To be completed by Parish as better understanding of areas i.e. floods at Bridge Street / Watery Lane
- Community Flood Risk Template
  - Every Parish has a Community Flood Risk Template which has been pre-filled by Braintree District Council. This gives a risk rating for flooding for your Parish. It draws on as much local information as possible, history of floods, vulnerable areas, etc. Make sure that you check yours to see if you can add anything to it. You might be able to include information which will reduce your “risk rating” i.e. you hold a Parish flood box/bag etc





# Flood products & advice

- National Flood Forum – Blue Book
  - <http://www.floodforum.org.uk>
- Environment Agency – advice
  - <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/>
- Braintree District Council Floods advice
  - <http://www.braintree.gov.uk>



- Other Parish training packages available online
  - Basic Emergency Planning Information
  - Emergency Accommodation Centres
  - Olympic awareness



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