

Flood Prevention Action Group

1) Team A -Physical Flood Defences

-A preliminary meeting has been held with the Environment Agency and the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to discuss how and where they can and cannot assist us to prevent flooding in Henley. The EA reported that they are conducting a "river flow" analysis of the rivers near Henley in Arden. This report may not be available for many months.

-It is hoped that a meeting can be set with a local landowner to discuss the possibility of the Wildlife Trust assisting them to develop "natural flood defences" on their land.

- Team A is conducting research into the complex area of available "funding criteria for flood prevention projects" and how Henley can meet the required funding criteria.

-The first part of Project One has been completed with the replacement of an inadequate drain near Back Lane (work completed by the Highways Agency). The second stage of Project One is ongoing and a further update will follow.

-A lightweight and easily erected flood barrier system has been identified which could be used to "divert" flood water during a sudden flash flood caused by an intense burst of heavy rain. The pros and cons of using these barriers are being evaluated.

-A planning application to re-build the bridge behind Millfield Court has been identified and is being assessed to see if it will improve or worsen the flood risk in this flooding "hot spot."

-We have been assured that the Henley Flood Action Group will be given "Approved Status" and therefore it's representatives will be able to attend meetings with the various Flood Prevention related public bodies.

Team B—Non Physical Activities

-Advice has been issued to residents that a quantity of filled sandbags are available behind St Nicholas Church on Beaudesert Lane. Residents who own properties that are at risk of flooding are encouraged to take the sandbags now (ie BEFORE a flood event!) and may store them at their property.

-Continuing to keep pressure on the Highways Agency to ensure that the drains throughout Henley are regularly swept and unblocked if necessary. One blocked or silted up drain would easily stop the whole drainage system in a particular area from working!

-A "self help" communications programme is being developed to educate and encourage Residents and Commercial property owners, to undertake actions which can help prevent the town and their properties from flooding.

-Leadership and make up of Team B to be resolved???????