

Old Windsor



Self Help Community Emergency Plan

The Old Windsor Community Emergency Plan comes into force when instructed by the RBWM Emergency Control Centre. At that time we will call on our 12 volunteer Flood Wardens to patrol the village and to report back to the Parish Council office at the Jubilee Hub in St Lukes Road.

This information will then be relayed back to the Emergency Control Centre for them to provide the necessary resources.

The RBWM Emergency Plan can be found at
http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/public/sdop_RBWM_MIP_V7_2013-02-01_740.pdf




Environment Agency Flood Warning Codes

	Status
	<p>Severe Flood Warning Severe flooding. Danger to life.</p>
	<p>Flood Warning Flooding is expected. Immediate action required</p>
	<p>Flood Alert Flooding is possible. Be prepared.</p>

Floodline: 0345 988 1188

Should you see any of these signs - be prepared for Flooding!

Flood Warning Code Descriptions

 Flood Alert	 Flood Warning	 Severe Flood Warning	There are no warnings in this area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forecast of high tide or strong wind • Recorded rainfall which will cause flooding • Recorded or forecast water levels that will cause flooding • Snow melt forecast 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forecast of high tides, surges or strong winds • Heavy rainfall that could cause flash flooding • Snow melt • Observed rising levels – critical trigger point reached • Forecast level or flow – trigger point for flood warning forecast • Site observation (blockage / defence failure) • Actual flooding 	<p>As for flood warning plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site observation of severe flooding or major problems with infrastructure and services • Forecasts predict a worsening situation and severe flooding likely • Actual flooding • Professional judgement, including consultation with professional partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rivers back in bank, levels falling and no significant rain forecast • Rivers back below trigger levels that activated initial warning • Alerts issued but no resultant flooding and forecast improved

FLOODING- ADVICE TO HOUSEHOLDERS

Flooding happens quickly and often when you least expect it. It's easy to lose each other at times like this. Preparing an Emergency flood plan will help you through a serious situation. Creating the plan with your children, explaining what to do and even practising the plan will prepare them for the time when you may need it.

Make an Emergency Flood Plan:

A List of Useful Numbers

RBWM **01628 683800**
Environment Agency's Floodline **0345 988 1188**
Police **999** *Emergency* **101** *Non Emergency*
Old Windsor Parish Council **01753 868842**

Flood Kit

Make sure you prepare a Flood Kit containing: key personal documents, torch, battery or wind-up radio, mobile phone, rubber gloves, Wellington boots, waterproof clothing, first aid kit and blankets.

Children's Essentials

Make a list of the vital items you will need. For example, milk, baby food, sterilized bottles and spoons, nappies and wipes, nappy bags, spare clothing, comforter, favourite toy or best teddy.

Medication

Would you need to take any family medication?

Valuable and Sentimental Belongings

Get into the habit of storing them upstairs or in a high place downstairs.

Flood Boards & Sandbags

Have a few flood boards or sandbags prepared to block doorways and airbricks.

Gas and Electricity

Do you know where to turn them off, even in the dark?

Car

Where would you move it to?

Evacuation

If the flooding is severe, you may be evacuated. What would you need to take with you and what provision can you make for your family pets? If you choose to leave the house, do you know where you would go and how you would get there? If you decide to stay in the house but decamp upstairs, make a list of all the things you will need.

Don't wait for a flood to find out whether your plan works. Try it now!

SAFE TRANSPORT ROUTES INTO/OUT OF OLD WINDSOR

It has been decided that data from the January 2003 flood event will be used as the basis for this flood plan. Whilst recognising that the January 2003 flood event was of a relatively low return period, it was the most significant fluvial flood event in the Old Windsor area since 1947. The following safe routes are based on the experiences of 2003.

Do Take exit routes from Straight Road towards Crimp Hill and Priest Hill where the high ground will offer safe access out of the Village and via Albert Road to Windsor.

Do take the Burfield Road route to Crimp Hill and Priest Hill.

Do Not exit the Village via Straight Road to Runnymede or by Southlea Road to Datchet as historic data shows these routes as more susceptible to flooding than most of the routes in Old Windsor.

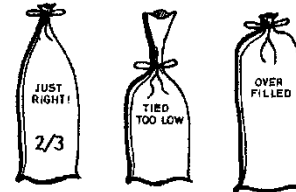


USING SANDBAGS SENSIBLY!

It's more than just filling sandbags, stacking them up and building walls and barriers.

USING SANDBAGS WHICH ARE PROPERLY FILLED AND PLACED CAN EFFECTIVELY DIVERT WATER AROUND INSTEAD OF THROUGH BUILDINGS. SANDBAGS DO NOT, HOWEVER, GUARANTEE A WATER-TIGHT SEAL.

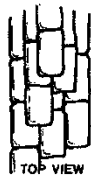
A CORRECTLY FILLED SANDBAG SHOULD ONLY BE FILLED $\frac{1}{2}$ TO $\frac{2}{3}$ FULL, AND TIED NEAR THE TOP. THIS ALLOWS THE SAND INSIDE THE SANDBAG TO MOVE AND MOLD WITH THE GROUND OR OTHER SANDBAGS WHEN THEY ARE LAID ON TOP OF EACH OTHER TO PREVENT GAPS FOR WATER INGRESS.



USE POLYPROPELENE SANDBAGS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

SANDBAGS SHOULD BE FILLED WITH HEAVY-BODIED OR SANDY SOIL. AVOID FINE SAND AND GRAVELLY OR ROCKY SOILS.

CORRECT



TOP VIEW



END VIEW

BARRIERS

FOR EFFECTIVE BARRIERS, LAY SANDBAGS SO THAT THE BARRIER IS BUILT UP WITH ALL THE JOINTS BETWEEN THE SANDBAGS STAGGERED AND COVERED BY OTHER SANDBAGS. AS EACH SANDBAG IS PLACED, IT SHOULD BE WELL STAMPED DOWN TO FILL ANY VOIDS BETWEEN THE ROWS AND LAYERS.

WRONG!



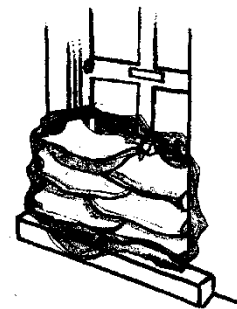
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DOORWAYS & AIRBRICKS

SANDBAGS CAN *BEST* BE USED TO HELP PROTECT DOORWAYS AND AIRBRICKS IF A WATERPROOF LAYER IS PLACED *BEHIND* PROPERLY FILLED AND STACKED BAGS. USE HEAVY PLASTIC, PVC, OR WATERPROOF CANVAS, ABOUT 1.5 BY 1.5 METRES, AND IF POSSIBLE TAPE TO THE DOOR FRAME. PLACE SANDBAGS FIRMLY AND STAGGER AS SHOWN, AND WRAP PLASTIC UP AND OVER THE TOP FROM THE INSIDE, AS SHOWN. AIRBRICKS SHOULD BE DONE IN A SIMILAR FASHION, ENSURING THE SANDBAGS ARE FIRMED UP AGAINST THE WALL, LEAVING NO GAPS. THE WATER-PROOF SHEETING IS ALWAYS ESSENTIAL FOR PROTECTION OF DOORWAYS AND AIRBRICKS.



PROTECTING DOORWAYS & AIRBRICKS WITH SANDBAGS.



IF YOU ARE BEING EVACUATED TO AN EMERGENCY PLACE OF SAFETY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE BEING EVACUATED

The basic facilities you can expect at the Place of Safety you can expect are:

- Safe Shelter
- Refreshments
- First Aid
- Reliable information about the incident and when it is safe to return

Please bring with you:

- Any prescribed medication taken regularly by you or your family or any prescriptions for such medication
- Spectacles, hearing aids, walking frames, sticks etc. that you need
- Your address book
- A mobile phone if you have one, and its charger / spare battery
- Things for daily living such as a toothbrush, towel, change of underwear
- Things you may need for your baby, such as warm clothing, foods and milk powder, etc
- Your cheque books, credit cards, cash cards and / or money
- Any pets that cannot be left indoors and food for them

Before you leave your home remember to:

- Ensure all naked flames are extinguished and gas appliances turned off
- Close all windows and doors
- Turn off any mechanical ventilation
- Ensure refrigerators and freezers are closed
- Leave food and water for any pets that can be left indoors
- Secure your home

Thank you for your co-operation

**If you need assistance please let the Police Officer / volunteer know.
If you know your neighbours may require assistance please bring this to our
attention**