Flood wardens are members of the local community who act as volunteers to help their communities become more resilient and to be prepared for flooding. Flood Wardens can help to do this by:

- Monitoring the condition of drains, culverts, streams and other watercourses and reporting any defects or blockages to the appropriate agency or landowners
- Helping to raise local awareness of flood risk
- Passing on flood alerts and warnings when they are issued
- Assisting in the preparation of a Community Emergency and Flood Plan
- Providing the relevant agencies with local information during a flood event

Given the sudden onset of flash flooding, and the widespread nature and extended duration of emergency situations such as flooding, extreme winter weather or long-term utility failures, it can be difficult for the emergency services, local authorities and voluntary agencies to respond rapidly to every affected community. As a community you may need to set up a reception centre, provide support to vulnerable members of the community and communicate with the emergency services. As such, a Community Emergency and Flood Plan provides an important tool to increase local resilience.

Each community participating in the project will receive support in developing a community emergency plan to help keep residents safe before the emergency services arrive.

To find out who is leading the project in your community or to get involved, please contact the Pathfinder team.

w: www.floodtoolkit.com
e: jmaddams@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Full training and support is provided to all registered Flood Wardens (above image).

If you are interested in getting involved or would like to find out more about the Flood Warden role, please visit www.floodtoolkit.com to view the Flood Warden Handbook or email: emergencyplanning1@northamptonshire.gov.uk

How can you get involved? 1
Sign up as a Flood Warden

How can you get involved? 2
Assist in preparing your Community Emergency and Flood Plan

Pathfinder
Flood Resilience Project

Community Information
What is the Pathfinder project?

The Pathfinder project is run by Northamptonshire County Council and aims to facilitate community-led improvements in resilience and preparedness amongst communities which are at risk of surface water flooding in Northamptonshire.

The funding for the initiative has been made available by the Anglian Northern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.

How can the project help your community?

Communities signed up to the project each receive the following support:

- A visual survey of the catchment area
- A Community Flood Risk and Mitigation Investigation undertaken by civil engineers
- Training of appointed flood wardens
- Support in the development of Community Emergency and Flood Plans
- Limited grant funding to undertake works or purchase products or services which provide a benefit to flood risk management and help to improve resilience

Community engagement

For the duration of the project in each community, the Pathfinder team works to raise local awareness of the project by attending and speaking with residents at community events.

The aim of these events is to raise awareness of the flood risk to each community, collect local knowledge of past flooding events and issues, recruit individuals to act as Flood Wardens for their local area and to promote the development of a Community Emergency and Flood Plan.

Flood Risk and Mitigation Investigation

Each community involved in the project receives a Flood Risk and Mitigation Investigation undertaken by a civil engineer. This report brings together the findings of various investigations and includes:

- A visual survey of the catchment area to inspect the main drainage and flood related assets
- Identification of specific areas where further investigation, maintenance or improvement works could be most beneficial to reduce flood risk
- Generic inspection and maintenance schedules to assist in preparing a Community Emergency and Flood Plan

Presentation of findings

The findings of each investigation are presented to residents at a community meeting.

Recommendations of actions that can be taken by the community to reduce the likelihood and impact of flooding are discussed, with a limited fund available to communities to help implement these recommendations.

Presentation to residents of the Flood Risk and Mitigation Investigation Report for Glapthorn.