

GET INVOLVED

BECOME A FLOOD WARDEN



if you want to get really hands-on involvement in helping your community address flood risk, then signing up to be a flood warden may be the role for you.

Flood wardens are members of the local community who act as volunteers to help their communities to 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 landowner
- 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

HELP DEVELOP A COMMUNITY EMERGENCY AND FLOOD PLAN

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.



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PATHFINDER FLOOD RESILIENCE PROJECT 2020-2021

Community Flood
Information and
Guidance

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 and there will be a limited amount of funding directly available to communities for them to make improvements to existing flood management.

Sign your community up for this project at:
www.floodtoolkit.com/pathfinder/



WHAT SUPPORT DO COMMUNITIES RECEIVE?

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 Plan
- Limited grant funding to undertake works or purchase products or services which provide a benefit to flood risk management and help to improve resilience.

Each community involved in the project receives a Flood Risk and Mitigation Investigation undertaken by a civil engineer. This report 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

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS MEETINGS

At the beginning of the project and throughout, the Pathfinder team will come and visit the main contact(s) within the community to help create a Flood Resilience and Response Group and a Flood Management Plan.

FLOOD WARDEN TRAINING

Selected members of the community will be given free training and free PPE if they chose to be a flood warden for their area. This year training will be hosted online and in person. To sign up fill out the form online at www.floodtoolkit.com or email fl;oodpathfinder@northamptonshire.gov.uk

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

This project is all about community so the Pathfinder team will attend community events such as village fetes or similar to help raise awareness about flood risk

