



Information, Guidance, Links and Reporting for Flood Wardens and Community Emergency Volunteers

- Flood Warnings and Alerts, make sure you sign up for both:
www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings
- Check flood information guidance, current flood alerts/warnings and 5 day flood risk:
<https://www.gov.uk/check-flooding>
- Check long term flood risk in your community:
by postcode: <https://check-long-term-flood-risk.service.gov.uk/postcode>
by map view: <https://check-long-term-flood-risk.service.gov.uk/map>
- Check river, sea, groundwater and rainfall levels in your community:
<https://www.gov.uk/check-flooding>
- Sign up to and report flooding or post situation reports for your community at:
<https://swim.geowessex.com/dorset>
- Email Wessex Environment Agency Flood Resilience Team with your contact details and any updates or changes to flood wardens or flood plans:
floodwessex@environment-agency.gov.uk You will also receive our quarterly newsletter and details of training and Resilience events.
- Met Office Weather Warnings: download app from Apple App Store or Google Play, follow on twitter or subscribe by email at:
www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice
- Met Office Weather Observations: check for local observation stations at:
<https://wow.metoffice.gov.uk>
- Check guidance, information and resources to share with your community:
www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding
- Community Flood Plan and Personal Flood Plan Templates:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-flood-plan
www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-flood-plan-template
- Register and access/download flood warden/community emergency volunteer training guides and materials at: www.communitiesprepared.org.uk

Checklist of *Activities* you could carry out as a Flood Warden

- Develop a Flood Plan for your community. Templates available on GOV.uk (see reverse of this sheet for links to resources, guides and templates).
- Develop warden action card(s). These should be 1 sheet of A4 – a grab sheet for each warden as a reference for what actions they need to take, a map and contact details (sample and templates available from Environment Agency, email: floodwessex@environment-agency.gov.uk)
- Identify and include actions specific for your area/community. (Several of the points below can be included in the Action Card).
- Get to know your area/community and identify the areas at risk of flooding. Understand from your Action Card WHEN and WHERE you will take actions.
- Distribute information to raise flood awareness within the community and promote property flood resilience measures.
- Encourage residents to check their flood risk and sign up to receive flood warnings. For queries please contact the Environment Agency at floodwessex@environment-agency.gov.uk
- Identify properties of potentially vulnerable residents.
- Identify the hazards in your community, eg the location of drains, manholes, ditches, kerbs, wells. Locate them on a map with a nearby house number or lamp post number.
- Compile a list of people who would be happy to volunteer during a flood and any equipment that could be used.
- Monitor the state of the watercourses within your community.
- If there is a community resilience store in your locality and who to contact about stock if it is depleted.
- Recruit extra wardens as necessary.