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Flood wardens newsletter

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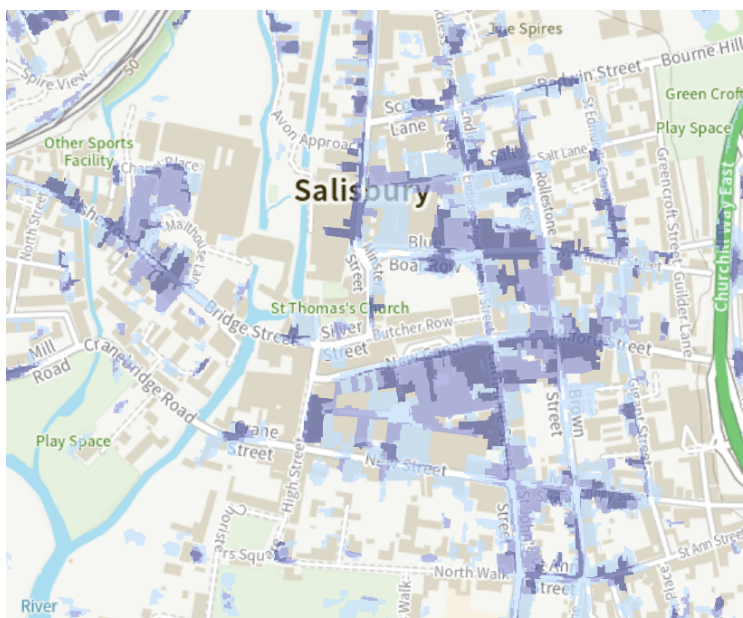
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Welcome to the first Wiltshire flood wardens newsletter

We'll be sending this newsletter regularly to all flood wardens in the county, so you can stay up-to-date with the latest news and information.



Updated flood mapping

The Environment Agency (EA) has updated its flood mapping for rivers, surface water and reservoirs. All towns and parishes should recheck their flood risk as there have been changes which could affect your community and flood plan.

The surface water flood maps have also been updated, alongside an explanation of how they have been created and what to do if you don't agree with the maps. Southwick Parish Council approached the EA, as known and evidenced areas of flooding had been removed from the map. These will now be added back.

[Check the updated flood risk maps](#)

[View the updated surface water flood risk maps](#)

Flood plans reminder

While the weather has been dry recently, and looks to be drier for the next month or so, please take the opportunity to check your flood and

emergency plans are up-to-date, particularly the contacts.

Don't forget to email drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk if the contact details for your parish or town change.

If you would like any AO (very large) maps to chart your flooding, water flows and drainage assets - such as gullies and watercourses - please contact us on the email above with an address to post them to.

If you need any help with flood plans, again please contact the drainage team and we will endeavour to assist.

Did you know that the cluster of winter storms we had earlier this year were likely caused by an intense swirling vortex of winds above the Arctic? Researchers are looking to understand how they work and by monitoring the state of the stratospheric polar vortex, they may be able to provide early warnings of possible severe weather – now that could be useful.

Early flood warning telemetry project

We are looking at a pilot scheme with the Environment Agency to install telemetry data collection systems on rivers/watercourses that may cause property flooding. We may also be able to add in cameras that can be accessed remotely to look at water depths and monitor trash screens, with rainfall gauges.

We would like to get these installed on catchments so communities can be more resilient and gain early warnings of flood events

If any town or parish council has any watercourses that may benefit, please email drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Flood warden training days

We're holding the following flood warden training days in collaboration

with the Environment Agency and Wiltshire & Swindon Resilience Forum.

- Wednesday 6 August, Marlborough, Town Hall
- Tuesday 19 August – Salisbury, Guildhall

Agenda and times to be confirmed.

We are endeavouring to make these sessions as informative and interactive as possible and would welcome suggestions on topics you would like covered.

[Register your interest](#)

Wiltshire Rural Runoff Project

The Environment Agency, Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust are working together to understand the causes around field run off and surface water issues to look at nature-based solutions to reduce the impacts.

Work is being carried out in five areas across the county, to include:

- Brinkworth – Brinkworth Brook
- Semington headwaters – Easterton and Semington Brook Source
- Bremhill – Calne, Marden, Abberd Brook, Willow Brook and Cowage Brook
- Pewsey Vale – Pewsey, Hampshire Avon, Woodborough Stream
- Nadder tributaries – Chilmark, Teffont, Fovant

Funding opportunities with the SSEN Community Fund

Last year, grants for the SSEN Community Fund became available in July and closed in August - a very short period of time to make an application. In addition to this the criteria had also changed. Two streams of funding were available:

- Low carbon

- Physical and environmental

If you are thinking about anything in either of these categories, such as solar panels for your village hall, this might be the opportunity to apply for some funding to help with your scheme.

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