

South Milton

Action Plan for Flood Prevention

Summary

Background

South Milton experiences minor flooding from time to time, primarily caused by water running off the fields and along the roads. The water ponds in low points and the extent of flooding is highly dependent on whether the road drainage is kept clear.

Serious flooding occurred in December 2012, particularly around the Old School House. As a result a flood action plan was drawn up and an additional overflow drain installed opposite the Old School House. Since the overflow drain was installed, the extent and frequency of flooding in the centre of the village has been significantly reduced.

The flood action plan sets out preventative maintenance activities to be carried prior to each winter as well as when heavy rain is expected or falling. Volunteers have diligently completed these actions since the plan was completed in 2014. Their actions have undoubtedly contributed to the reduced frequency and extent of flooding in the village.

This note summarises the actions to be taken by volunteers to minimise the frequency and extent of flooding in and around the village. The full plan is based on a template provided by the Environment Agency and can be found on the village website.

Annual Stream and Road Drain Inspection and Clearance

Prior to each winter, the flood warden (Nick Townsend) will organise a working party to inspect the stream from the road culvert by the Old School House to the Dairy Site in Sutton. Any debris that might wash down the stream and block the culvert will be cleared from the stream.

At the same time, the road drains between Wakeham Farm and Milton Cross will be inspected and debris removed. Assistance will be sought from Devon County Highways if needed.

Note: Specialist kit to lift gully gratings and remove silt and debris from gullies is held by John Richardson.

Actions Prior to and during heavy rain

The following volunteers have kindly agreed to help out if heavy rain is forecast or is falling. Each volunteer has been assigned an area of responsibility as set out in the table and should coordinate arrangements with their fellow volunteers. If volunteers have any concerns or require additional help, please call Nick Townsend.

Volunteers should keep the drainage clear in their assigned area, preferably prior to heavy rain falling. If the Met Office issues an amber rain warning, volunteers should, if safe, make

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sure the drainage in their assigned area keeps free flowing during the storm. **Volunteers must not put their own life at risk.**

After the storm has passed, volunteers should let Nick Townsend know if machinery is need to remove debris from the road. Nick Townsend will then contact local farmers who have agreed to help in such circumstances.

Name	Address	Telephone	Mobile	Responsibility
Nick Townsend	Collacott Barn	01548 560243	07989717383	Vinyard to Collacott to Backshay
Tim Lewis	Collacott	01548 560868	07870 337918	Vinyard to Collacott to Backshay
John Richardson	The Old Vicarage	01548 561493	07923528900	Milton Cross to Old School House
Garth Gregory	Old Thatch	01548 560294	07307390525	Milton Cross to Old School House
Mick Howey	Hingstons Barn	01548 560600		Milton Cross to Old School House
Graham Collyer	Greenfields, 7, New Buildings	01548 560932		Manor Cottage to the Manor
Graham Jinks	Manor Cottage	01548 561292		Manor Cottage to the Manor
Mike Brice	The Manor	01548 560454		Hillingsdown to Village Hall
Shane Austin	St Judes	01548 562472	07753328991	Hillingsdown to Village Hall
Kim Francis	Brook House		07956546102	Hillingsdown to Village Hall
Tony Burn	Sutton Cross House	01548 560633		Road by Telephone Exchange
Paul Booker	Cross Parks	01548 561885	07792038991	Pinhays to the Barn
Paul Davies	Horsewell Coach House	01548 561798	07968893896	Pinhays to the Barn