

## **Harberton Parish Emergency Plan**

### **Flooding**

#### **Responsibilities**

The organisations concerned with flooding issues include:

- The **Environment Agency** has a responsibility to provide a monitoring and advisory service, and for main rivers including the Harbourne below Harbertonford Bridge.
- **Devon County Council** has responsibility for monitoring and advisory service for minor streams below main rivers status
- **South Hams District Council** can provide advice on protecting individual properties and assistance with sandbags
- **South West Water** is concerned with flooding arising from sewers and water pipes
- **Residents** have a responsibility to protect their property from the effects of flooding.

#### **Potential threats**

Main threats include:

- a. Rivers and streams overflowing their water courses
- b. Run off from fields and roads during heavy rain and saturated ground
- c. Blocked drains, culverts and buddle holes leading to local flooding
- d. High water table levels during prolonged wet periods

#### **High risk areas**

1. Properties close to the River Harbourne in Harbertonford, notably in Woodland Road, Old Road and Bow Road, including the Malsters Arms.
2. Properties in lower Harberton along Vicarage Ball and alongside the Cholwell Stream. The watercourse drains a wide area of mainly agricultural land which feeds run off into the stream during wet weather. The capacity of the watercourse is constrained by the capacity of the culvert resulting in flooding in the immediate vicinity, exacerbated by runoff from the road from Luscombe Cross.

#### **Contacts**

Environment Agency : 0345 988 1188 (24 hour flood call service)

Devon County Council: 0345 155 1004 (flooding on highways and blocked drains)

South Hams District Council: 01802 861234

: 01803 867034 (out of hours)

South West Water: 0844 346 2020

Parish Council contacts: George Waite (Harbertonford) 01803 732191 Or 01803 732465

: John Hockings (Harberton) 01803 863203

## **Resources**

- A limited supply of reusable Aquasacs is stored in the Parish and can be obtained through the Parish representatives
- South Hams District Council can supply up to 10 sandbags to protect individual households. Initial enquiries re supply can be made through George Waite or directly to South Hams Totnes Depot
- In exceptional circumstances, the Fire Service may be able to assist with pumping out flood waters.

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