

Parish Flood Risk Assessment

Carry out rapid flood risk assessment

Does your parish experience flooding?

NO

Will your parish be at risk in the future?
[Gov.UK Flood Risk](#)
[MetOffice Flood Risk](#)

No further action required

Seek to understand the local flood risks and patterns.

Consider what happens to water during flooding in the community (where does it go/where are the drainage points). Try to understand local water bodies and their condition and ability to retain water.

Maintenance – group of volunteers to maintain drainage systems, ditches, gullies and waterways.

Mitigation & adaptation – volunteers to plant absorbent vegetation, natural flood measures, install/improve temporary water storage.

Community engagement – establish flood response groups, skills hub, community training days, establish communication lines for floods, identify vulnerable buildings and people. Collaborate with local parishes.

Aim to improve community resilience to flooding through planning and engagement.

Does your parish want to carry out a flood risk assessment?

No

Consider purchasing generic flood defenses such as flood gates

As a parish, do you know who your Environment Agency local project support officer is?

NO

To find your lead project support officer either email enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk or call 0370 8506506

YES

Are you going to get a contractor to complete the assessment or do it yourself?

YOURSELF

CONTRACTOR

Complete it within the parish:
To apply: you must send (a) either the FCERM 2 or FCERM 7 (accessed from your local EA flood authority representative) along with (b) a completed Outline Business Case.

Use the HM land registry to determine who is affected by flooding and potential flood defenses
[HM land registry](#)

FCERM 2 or FERM 7
Access forms by subscribing to [Supporting Flood and Coast Projects](#). For help and advice contact your local Project Support Officer: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

Outline Business Case – if project < £3 million then single stage business case required; if project > £3 million then three stage business case required. These must follow the [FCERM appraisal guidance](#) and follow the [FCERM template](#).

Hire a contractor to complete the outline business case and FCERM appraisal.
Contractors: – Nimbus Engineering, ACCON UK, Unda Consulting, FPS Environmental, Gondolin Land & Water, Aegaea, and RSK Group.

Examples of Outline Business Case
[Bristol Outline Business Case](#)
[Godalming Flood Alleviation Scheme Outline Business Case](#)
[Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme – outline business case](#)

Send off the information documents to Environment Agency for permission to implement changes

Application for grant funding from EA

How will you fund flood defenses and management?

INDIVIDUALLY

COMMUNALLY

Households can purchase flood defenses for their property

The community can fund as a group or through grant application

Following on from flood risk assessment determine what flood defense is the most appropriate
e.g. flood gates, flood barriers, flood tubes, more extensive structural change, river manipulation

Preparation of flood defenses

Get permission from residents affected by flood defense implementation

Determine what is the appropriate type of flood defense for your parish after consulting with assessors

Purchase flood defenses and train a local group of volunteers how to set up the flood defenses when needed

Secure storage for these flood defenses with transport logistics in mind

Purchase insurance for flood defenses chosen

Will you fund this as a council or do you need to apply for grants?

WITHOUT EXTERNAL FUNDING

With the help of external grants

Advice on funding methods

Reach out to your local project support officer from the Environment Agency

Complete either the FCERM 2 or FCERM 7

Complete an outline business case that follows the [FCERM appraisal guidance](#) and follow the [FCERM template](#).

Once funding has been established and secured then secure flood defenses



Council specific insurance
e.g. Zurich, Clear Councils