

Purley on Thames – Role of the Flood Wardens

General

- Your prime role is to ensure your own safety;
 - Always use your probe stick when walking in unclear water. There is a very real risk of lifted drain covers.
 - Do not enter fast flowing streams
 - Do not enter water where you are unsure of the depth
- Ensure that flood emergency equipment is ready – Hi-vis jacket, probing stick, flood warden ID card
- Ensure you are registered with the Environment Agency flood warning service to receive Flood warnings/alerts
- Be familiar with the Purley on Thames Flood Plan and Flood Contact List
- Be aware of vulnerable people (Aged, infirm or disabled), in their area of responsibility.

Flood Alert

- Stay aware of Environment Agency updates
- Be prepared to take action

Flood Warning

- Visit vulnerable people advising them of the situation.
- If, for any reason you are not available during a flood Warning contact the Flood Warden Co-ordinator to arrange cover.
- Advise the Flood Co-ordinator of requirements for sandbags. There are only a limited number available and these should be reserved for the vulnerable and for homes (not garages) that are at imminent risk of flood.
- Advise the Flood Co-ordinator of requirements for road barriers

Actual Flood Emergency

- Liaise with the Rescue Services.
- Assist the Rescue services to prioritise rescue activities
- Maintain communications with the Flood Co-ordinator office with issues as arising.
- Visit vulnerable people to help or get help where needed.

After the Flood Incident

Attend post-flooding meeting to review lessons learnt.

Provide input to the Flood Co-ordinator in the preparation of a Flood Incident Report: