



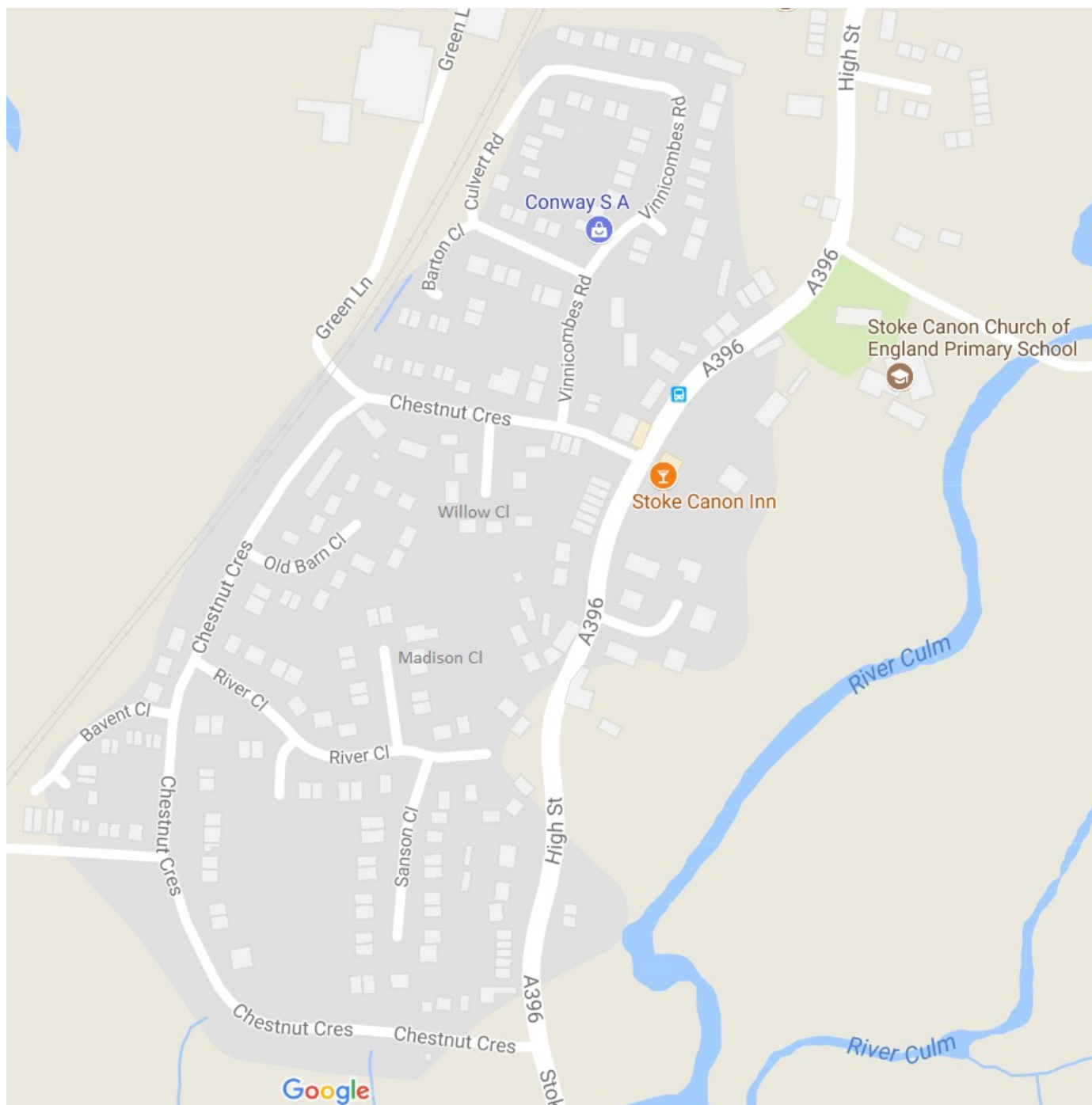
EMERGENCY FLOOD PLAN



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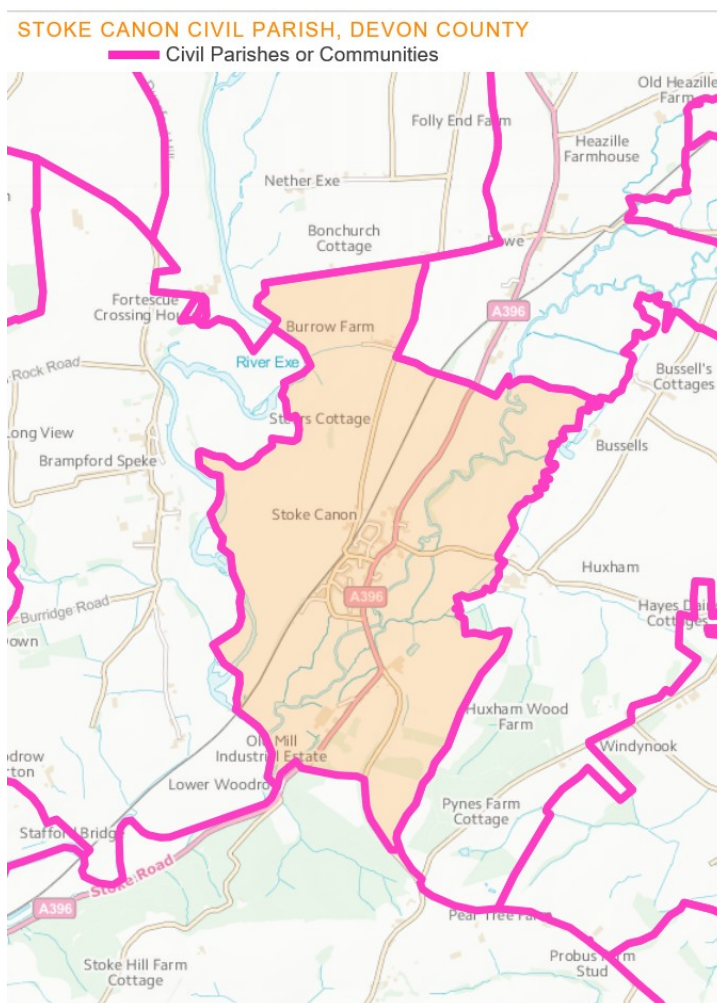
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STOKE CANON EMERGENCY FLOOD PLAN

AIM OF FLOOD PLAN

To identify a team of local flood response coordinators who will ensure that the emergency measures are co-ordinated within the community and that communications are maintained with the relevant emergency services and response authorities.

2. To identify high risk areas within the village and to ensure a supply of sand bags are available.
3. Identify vulnerable persons and ensure their wellbeing.
4. Identify within the village materials and equipment that would be of use in times of severe flooding when evacuation may be necessary.

The plan will contain lists of names and phone numbers that may change over time and so an annual review will take place by a designated co-ordinator.

THE NEED FOR A FLOOD PLAN

Due to our location and the increase in extreme weather events, a community flood plan for Stoke Canon is necessary. The plan is designed to assist the parish and to attempt to reduce the effects of serious flooding.

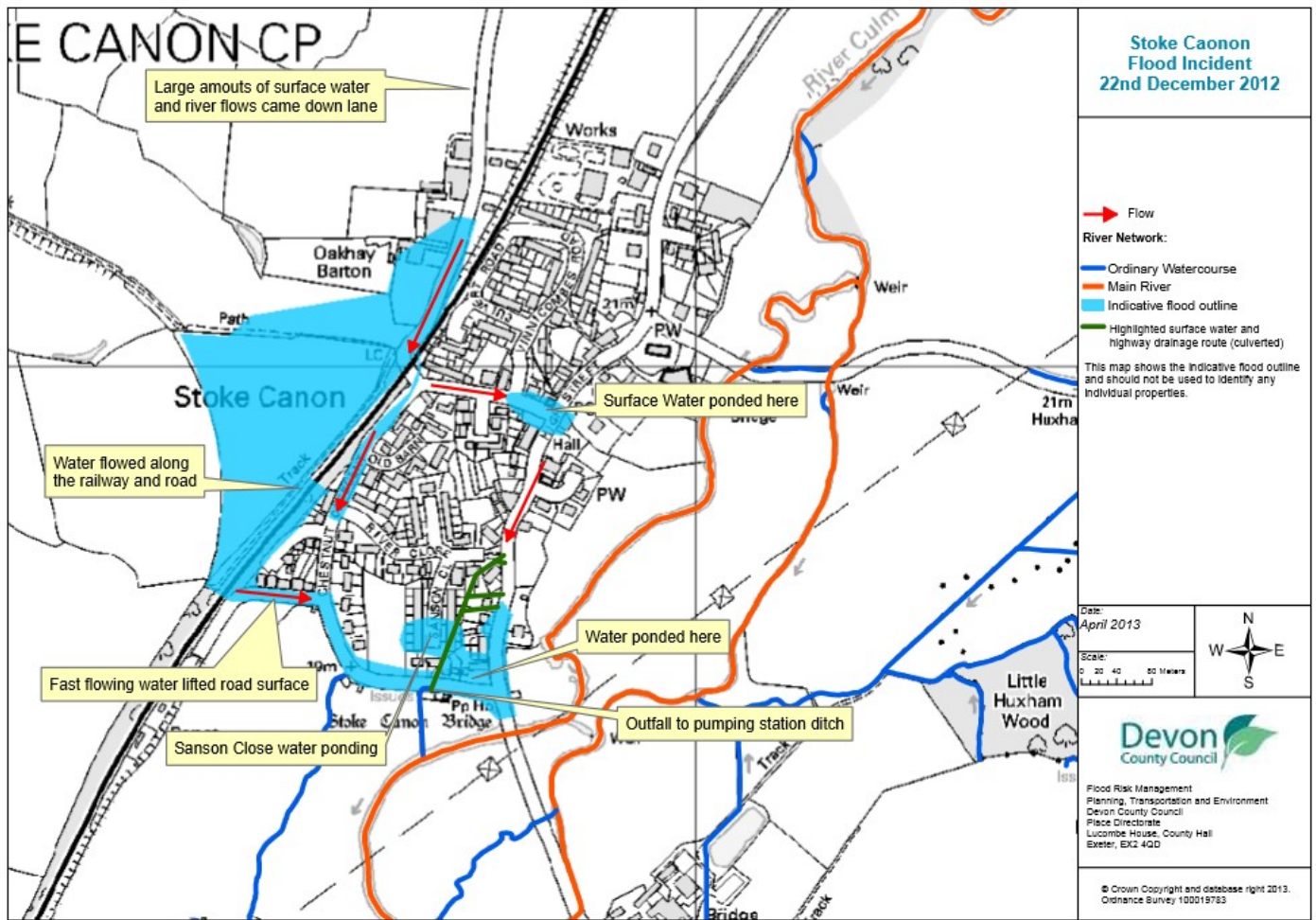
This plan is not regarded as final and will be reviewed and updated as necessary.

Stoke Canon has a history of flooding (1960, 2000 and 2012) and the Environment Agency mapping define areas of the Parish as having a high probability of flooding

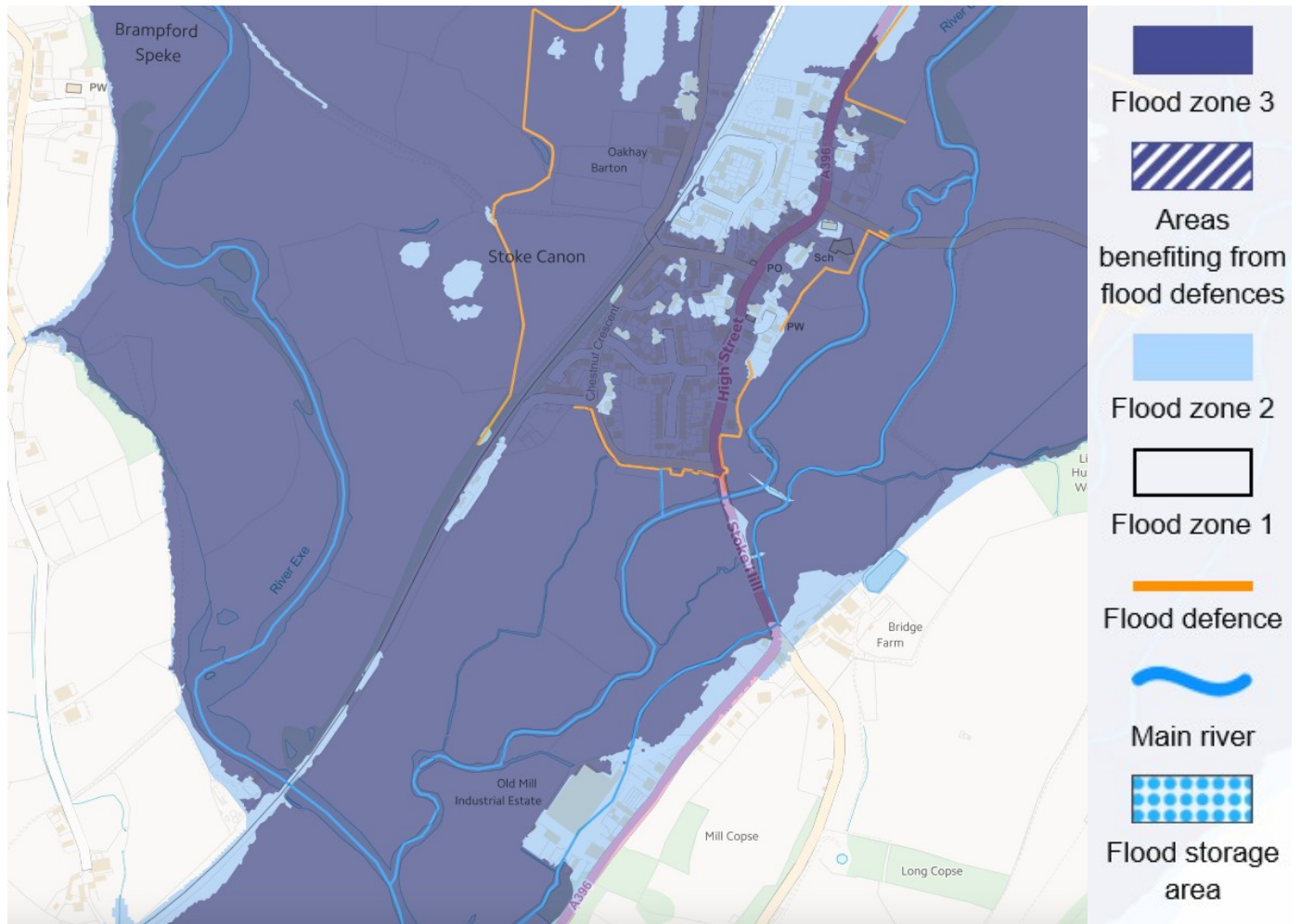
1960 Flooding



2012 Flooding



Flood Risk Mapping by Environment Agency



The Environment Agency Flood mapping is hosted at:

Since the 2012 flood a 1.8M flood defence project has been completed including building 1200m of flood banks, 150m of floodwall and improving defences, which were built in 1966.

INITIATION OF THE FLOOD PLAN

The flood plan and the extent to which it is used will be in accordance with advice issued by the environment agency.

The Environment Agency issue flood warnings via flood line, which can be accessed by ringing:

Flood Line – 0345 988 1188

Quickdial Culm – 162074

Quickdial Exe – 162074

Web Site – www.gov.uk/check-if-youre-at-risk-of-flooding

Residents with vulnerable properties are urged to register for the Environment Agency flood warning service by ringing Flood Line or signing up online.

Warning codes

There are currently four warning codes in operation.



Severe flood warnings

Severe flooding - danger to life



Flood warnings

Flooding is expected - immediate action required



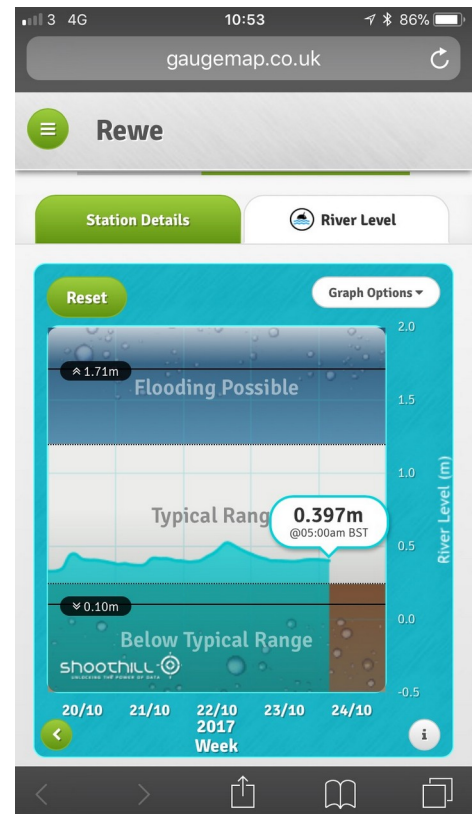
Flood alerts

Flooding is possible - be prepared



Flood warnings no longer in force

Flood warnings and flood alerts - removed in the last 24 hours



During a flood information is also available from the Environment Agency web site.

Information is also available from gaugemap (shown above on right)

<http://www.gaugemap.co.uk/#!/Map/Search/LocationText/Exe>

Responding organisations have limited resources and so may not be able to provide assistance in all circumstances. In such cases the owners and occupiers need to be aware that they should make their own arrangements to protect their property from flooding.

The Authorities have five priority categories.

| Priority | Response |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 1. People | action to protect life |
| 2. Houses | action to protect life and properties |
| 3. Roads | action to protect life and properties. |
| 4. Commercial properties | possible action to protect property. |
| 5. Gardens and agricultural land | No action. |

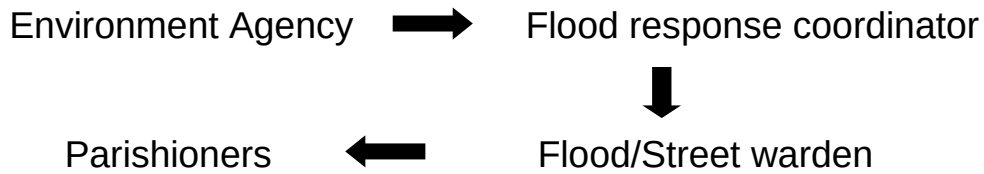
In the event of a flood the priorities recognised by the authorities are -:

- **THE SAFETY OF PEOPLE ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**
- **MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNICATION BOTH WITHIN THE VILLAGE AND BEYOND.**
- **THE MAINTENANCE OF SERVICES ESPECIALLY ELECTRICITY TO THE VILLAGE.**
- **THE MAINTENANCE OF ACCESS OR ESTABLISHMENT OF EMERGENCY ACCESS TO THE VILLAGE IN THE EVENT OF THE ROAD BEING IMPASSABLE.**
- **SAFETY OF LIVE STOCK**

****Local Flood response co-ordinators and flood wardens are detailed in Annex E (Annex E will be redacted for the public version of this plan)****

Action Plan

In the event of a flood alert or a flood warning information would be disseminated by the following route -:



The flood coordinators will liaise with the Environment Agency on the response level required.

If flooding is anticipated the flood coordinators will arrange for:

1. Delivery and erection of sand bags at high-risk sites.
2. Contact all vulnerable people and properties via flood/street wardens.
3. Liaise with emergency services as to where assistance is required.
4. Property owners should take precautions to protect their properties by
 - Turning off electricity at the mains
 - Moving valuables upstairs.
 - Closing oil tanks
 - Moving vehicles to higher ground
 - Evacuate to a safe location if life is at risk.

Evacuation

Decisions to evacuate vulnerable areas of the village will be taken by the police.

Emergency rest centres

Possible emergency rest centres are:

Stoke Canon Village Hall

Key holders: Janet Boustred (841395) Anita Bailey (07881 862328)

Rewe Parish Hall

Key holder: Chris Taverner 01392 841488

Silverton Parish Hall

Key holder: David Morris 01392 860392

Who does what during a flood?

Environment Agency

- Issue Flood Warnings
- Receive and record details of flooding incidents
- Monitor the situation and advise other organisations
- Deal with emergency repairs and blockages on main rivers and own structures
- Respond to pollution incidents
- Advise on waste disposal incidents

County Council and Unitary Authority

- Co-ordinate emergency arrangements
- Maintains safe conditions on the roads
- Put flood warning signs on the highway
- organise road closure and traffic diversions
- Clear blockages on highway drainage systems
- May take action to protect property from flooding by water from the highway where there is a failure of the high way drainage system

District Council

- Co-ordinating role for own area
- Flood warning dissemination (by local agreement with Environment Agency)
- Emergency assistance (S138LGA 1972)-Provide sandbags
- Clear blocked watercourses (land Drainage Act powers)
- Act as county council for highways ("A" and "B" roads)
- Environment health issues – pollution
- Blocked road channels and gully gratings – street cleaning

Emergency planning support groups

Town and Parish Council

- Flood warning dissemination (by local agreement with Environment Agency)
- Distribute sandbags from district council stockpiles

Fire and Rescue Service

- Rescue
- Respond to all emergency incidents as required
- Assist the populace where a need is identified and the use of Fire Service personnel and equipment is relevant

Water Companies

- Emergency over pumping or tankering at pumping stations
- Clearing blockages in public sewers
- May take action to protect property from flooding by water from the public water mains or discharges from the public sewage system

Electricity, Gas and Telecommunication Companies

- Attend to emergencies relating to their service at properties putting life at risk as a result of flooding
- Attend flooding emergencies at their own serviced installations

Large Industrial Companies

- Protect own premises and installations
- Source of resources that could be hired

Property Owners

- Move to a safe area if life is at risk
- Prevent water from entering property if possible
- Switch off electricity and gas supplies at mains
- Move valuable possessions above area liable to be flooded

Recovery Action

A register of sources of assistance after flooding will be available. These will include local builders, plumbers, and decorators.

Details of properties flooded will be passed on to the Environment Agency and East Devon District Council where possible and the flood plan revised.

ANNEX A – Useful phone numbers and contacts in case of flooding

| ORGANISATION | CONTACT DETAILS |
|---|----------------------|
| Environment Agency Floodline | 0345 988 1188 |
| Quick dial River Exe | 162074 |
| Quick dial River Culm | 162074 |
| Incident Hotline | 0800 80 70 60 |
| Police General enquires | 101 |
| Or in an emergency | 999 |
| Devon Fire and Rescue Service | 01392 872 200 |
| Or in an emergency | 999 |
| | |
| Health Centre - Exe Valley Practice | 03333 442 988 |
| Health Centre - Wyndham House Practice | 01392 860 034 |
| | |
| Western Power (emergency help line) | 0800 6783105 |
| South West Water | 03443 462020 |
| National Gas Emergency | 0800 111 999 |
| | |
| East Devon District Council | 01404515616 |
| Or in an emergency/out of hours | 03306782382 |
| Devon County Council | 03451551004 |
| Highways (out of hours) | 01392 383329 |
| Devon County Council Flood Risk Management Team | 03451551015 |

ANNEX B – Sand Bag Use

Sand Bags

There is a sand bag store adjacent to the Jubilee Hall containing about 200 sand bags. This will not supply the whole village and residents are advised to make other arrangements where possible. There are many other better products available on the market that are more water tight, lighter and easier to store. Residents are advised to make other arrangements where possible.

See Environment Agency website or the National Flood Forum web site

Key Holders

A key will be available in the village hall (see list of key holders. Key located in the electricity cupboard)

The village Post office 01392 841260

Mr. Mrs D. Boustred 01392 841395

Helen Sims 01392 841947

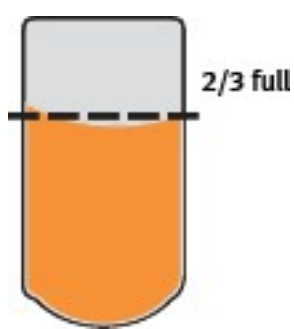
Andrew Bending-Hall 07765 112793

Using sandbags to protect your home and business

Sandbags placed in appropriate locations around your home or business can reduce the impact of flooding. Sandbags will not stop the water completely, but can reduce the amount of water entering.

Where do I need to put the sandbags?

- For most buildings to reduce the impact of flooding, sandbags should be placed over floor wastes and drains (e.g. shower and bath) to prevent back-flow of grey water entering. Sandbags should also be used in front of doorways/ roller doors and brickwork vents.
- Most standard homes and buildings on a concrete slab can be protected with less than 25 sandbags.
- It is not always necessary to place a sandbag wall around your whole building to provide protection. This may only be necessary if it is on stumps or constructed of materials such as timber or fibro sheeting. Before building a sandbag wall consideration should be given to how you would remove flood-water that could become trapped between the sandbag wall and your building. (e.g. pump, siphon or bailing bucket).



How do I fill the sandbag?

- It is preferable that you only use sand to fill the bags
 - o Soil is not usually recommended.

- Sandbags only need to be filled to 2/3 full.
- Do not over fill as they will be too heavy to carry.
- A filled sandbag can weigh 15-20 kgs.
- Do not tie the top of the bag. The top of the bag may be tied for transport purposes only.

How do I lay Sandbags?

- Place down a layer of plastic sheeting to act as the water proofing membrane.
- Lay sandbags like brickwork on top of the plastic sheeting.
- Start at one end and work to the other end.
- Ensure the unfilled top part of the bag is covered by the next bag.
- Tuck flap under the bag at the end of the row.
- Stagger rows so that the joins do not line up.

TIP1: Flattening down the sandbag row before adding the next row will help you to build a better structure.



Where do I place the sandbags?

- Cover drainage holes e.g. toilet, shower, bath and floor drains to stop back-flow of contaminated water.
- Place a small sandbag wall across doorways. The number of layers required will be dependent on the expected flood height; however it is generally around two (2) sandbag rows high.
- Make sure that you have at least one doorway that you can use to access or exit the building – do this by building a wall that allows the door to still be opened (refer to photos back page).
- Air vents between brickwork may also require sandbags. Small vents may be covered with waterproof tape or plastic.

Protect air vents or drains with sandbags or tape. To avoid back flow of grey water block toilets with a small plastic bag of sand, weighed down by a larger sandbag.



What else can I do to protect my home or business?

- Raising valuables off the floor may prevent damage to personal items from floodwater that may still enter.
- Lifting of curtains, rugs and bedding, and removing items from low cupboards may be necessary.
- Turn off power and gas at the mains.

What do I do once I have finished with the sandbags?

- Sandbags that have been exposed to floodwater need to be thrown away.
- Care should be taken when handling wet sandbags; sturdy gloves should be worn as floodwater can contain chemicals, harmful waste and contaminants.
- Sandbags should not be reused if they have been in contact with floodwater.

Storage of sandbags

If keeping a stock of sandbags, be aware that they can rot if left wet and damp – store them in a dry place out of the sun.

Examples of sandbagging doorways



ANNEX D – Equipment List

Due to the uncertainty of who will be available at the time, anticipated help from the community and the differences in people personal preparedness there is a store of community PPE (detailed below)

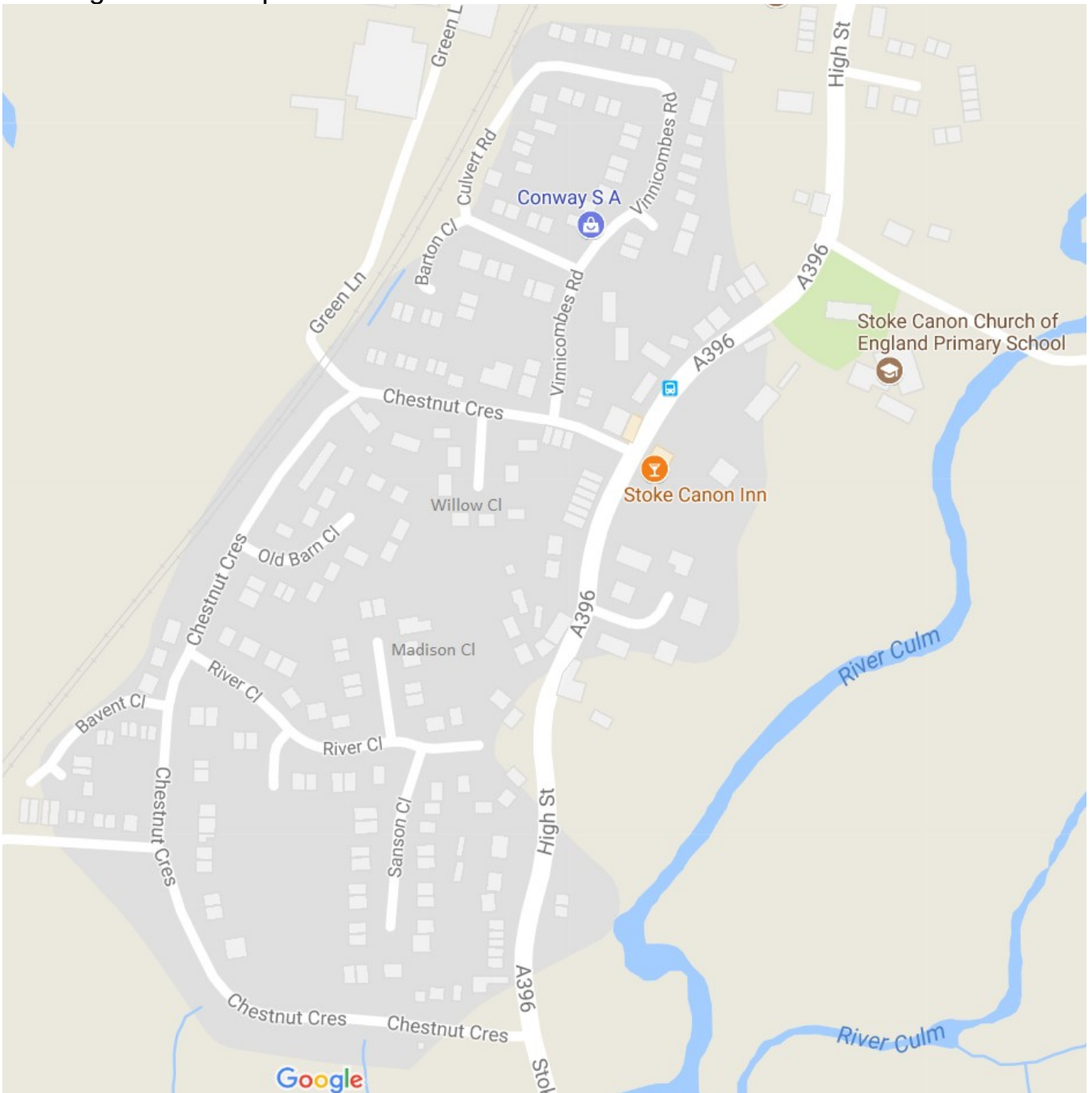
This is primarily for flood warden use but could also be used to assist vulnerable individuals and to issue to members of the community.

| Equipment | Quantity | Reason |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| PVC Roll 2mx100m medium duty 250g | 1 | To help seal doors |
| Sand hopper | 1 | To fill sand bags |
| Waterproof Radios two pack * | 2 | Communication |
| Heavy Duty Turntable Truck (500kg) | 1 | Transport sand bags |
| Flood Temporary Road Sign With Metal Frame 600mm | 6 | Warning |
| Metal stanchion frame Road Flooded Slow Down Ref MS115 | 6 | Warning |
| Waterproof 20W Rechargeable Portable work-light | 4 | Improve visibility |
| Head torches | | Allow hand free operation |
| PPE (coats, high Viz) | | To help protect individuals |

Note :- The radios, rechargeable lights, High Viz coats are located in the storeroom in the village hall

ANNEX E – Local Flood Response Co-ordinators and Flood Wardens

These are volunteers within the community in the event of a flood watch or flood warning that are responsible for:



- Establishing the extent of flooding and the risk to vulnerable properties
- Liaison with emergency services, local authorities, and flood wardens
- Assess where assistance is required
- co-ordination of local resources

The local flood co-ordinators are -:

| Name | Landline | Mobile |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Derek Boustred | 01392 841395 | 07851 720601 |
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Flood wardens are volunteers from the community. Ideally taking responsibility for streets or parts of streets in Stoke Canon.

In the event of a flood watch or flood warning they are responsible for:

- Liaising with local co-ordinators
- Dissemination of information to residents within their area of responsibility and co-ordinating help as required.

| Location (map below) | Name | Contact Number |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| River Close | Derek Boustred | 841395 |
| Sanson Close | Harold and Sally Smith | 841781 |
| Sanson Close | Helen Doe | 07969697490 |
| River Close | Mike and Sandra Brown | 841527 |
| Old Barn Close | Geoff and Gill Harcombe | 07565878557 |
| Bavent Close | Graham Gidley | 841886 |
| Bavent Close | Nigel and Sally Gliddon | 841009 07708037784 |
| Chestnut Crescent South | Andrew Hill | 0763056605 |
| Chestnut Crescent North | 19 | 07813401449 |
| Vinnicombes Road | Stephanie Hall | 841884 |
| High Street North | Nigel Barrowcliffe | 841755 |
| High Street South | Alex Pilkington | 07768327806 |
| High Street Middle | Simon Jones | 07554727703 |
| Willow Close | ???? | ????? |
| Laburnum Cottages | Sarah Poole | 841889 |
| Burrow Cottages | Robert Mallett | 841947 |
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| Beares Farm Supplies | David Roberts | 841322 |

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|---------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| The Barn Conversions Green Lane | Mike Kemp | 07583222018 |
| Huxham | James Maunder | 07703062702 |
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