

**Biddestone & Slaughterford Parish Council  
Emergency Plan Updated August 2020**

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## Introduction:

This plan has been drawn up by the parish council to enable a measure of resilience in the community in the event of an emergency occurring.

The Plan is not intended to establish any new legal liabilities or obligations on the part of any organisation or individual contributing to it or named in it. Its purpose is to set out practical steps to minimise the risk, duration and extent of an emergency occurring with the parish of Biddestone & Slaughterford, but no warranty is given or undertaking made that these steps will be taken or be successful.

2. Contacts List			
<b>Parish Council</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Tel Nos</b>	<b>Email</b>
Simon Bruce	Parish Council Chairman	01249 716330	simonbruce@btinternet.com
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Simon Bruce	Emergency volunteer/warden coordinator	01249 716330	This is the person that will instigate any actions and act as lead, so volunteers report to him before taking any actions - as this will then initiate the parish insurance
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		Simon Bruce	01249 716330 07973 817557
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<b>Flood warden/Community volunteer</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Tel Nos</b>	<b>Email</b>
Angela Williams	Flood Warden Slaughterford	01249782870	agela@bybrookcottage.plus.com
Simon Bruce	Flood Warden Biddestone Community Volunteer	01249 716330	simonbruce@btinternet.com
Adam Walton	Community Volunteer	07980 817656	adam@aw-consulting.co.uk
<b>Emergency Services and statutory agencies</b>			
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Non-Emergency</b>	<b>Emergency</b>	
Environment Agency	03708 506 506	0800 80 70 60	
Wiltshire Council	0300 456 0100	0300 456 0100 (outside office hours select highways and ask for duty officer)	
Dorset & Wiltshire F & R	0306 799 0019	999	
Wiltshire Police	101	999	
South West Ambulance	111	999	
British Transport Police	0800 40 50 40	999	
Network Rail	03457 11 41 41	03457 11 41 41	
Gas (Wales & West)	0800 912 2999	0800 111 999	
Water (Wessex)	0345 600 4600	0345 600 4600	
Electricity (SSEPD)	0800 048 3516	105	
National Flood Forum	01249 403 055		

## 1. Flood Plan

### Pre Event – Planning

- Issue flooding preparation advice through the parish council newsletter and website in autumn ahead of main winter flooding season.
- Check parish equipment (sandbags/gel sacs/PPE/ etc) annually to ensure everything in place and working property. Order replacements if required at the end of the winter season/April - May
- Attend flood warden/volunteer training. Test flood/emergency plan.
- The parish council is enrolled into the Wiltshire Council PEAS enabling it to access flood defence equipment and has drawn up a sandbag policy in order to prioritise their distribution.
- The parish council participates in the “Ditch” letter scheme to encourage riparian owners to maintain their ditches and watercourses that if not maintained may cause internal property flooding.
- Apply for funding to improve resilience of the community if available, currently this may be from SSE or Area Board.
- The parish council has recruited flood warden/volunteers to assist in the event of an emergency.
- Establish local links with neighbouring parish/town councils who have emergency plans/wardens to support mutual aid.
- Set up contact protocol in the event of flooding in Slaughterford for warden to report when undertaking inspections and reporting back.
- The parish council advises residents to check their flood risk and take steps to protect their property from flooding. To sign up to the met office Weather Warnings: <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk> and/or the Environment Agency Flood warnings and also Groundwater flood warnings (<https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>)
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### Event – Action

- Monitor Met office weather warnings and EA flood Alerts/Warnings
- If flood alert issued – instigate Warden/Volunteer actions
- Monitor flood levels and “tweet” to @EnvAgencySW & @WiltshireWinter along with any photographs
- If flood warning issued may need to deploy flood defence equipment in accordance with parish council policy and road traffic flood signage.
- If Emergency Services or statutory services deployed to parish, coordinator/Warden/Volunteer make themselves known to Incident Commander.
- Offer assistance and information gathered
- If severe flood/weather warning consider stepping down volunteers if conditions become dangerous
- If local evacuation required consider opening local rest centre and assist in manning facility
- Ensure volunteers are rotated to avoid overtiredness. Ensure volunteers report in, where going and must report in when back/home.
- If road conditions become dangerous inform Wiltshire Council highway engineers/duty engineer (outside office hours)
- Do not enter flood water – it could be contaminated or hide hazards and advise members of the public as well.
- Inform Incident commander (if statutory services involved) and Wiltshire Council if standing down volunteers
- Volunteers should not enter flood water or put themselves at risk or in danger under any circumstances. Their role is that of warning and informing.
- Volunteers should always keep assessing conditions on the ground and withdraw if conditions worsen – advising coordinator of actions.
- Take pictures, record event – what is happening only if safe to do so.


### Post Event – Recovery



- Ensure those affected by flooding know where they need to go in order to get help EA

flood helpline, Wiltshire Council, National Flood Forum

- Assist coordination of community efforts to clear up
- Check business and residents who flooded are dealing/coping with after effects
- Participate in multi agency briefing
- Collect data/photographs/information on incident and pass to Wiltshire Council/Environment Agency
- Support Wiltshire Council & Statutory agencies with organising public meetings to discuss and review any information gathered.
- Undertake review of flood plan and lessons learned and incorporate into plan

## Biddestone and Slaughterford Flood Warden Action Plan

Reference Number:		Issue Date:	Sept 2018
By:	Parish Council	Amended:	October 2019
Action taken before flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage properties at risk to sign up for Environment Agency flood warnings Floodline 0845 988 1188</li> <li>Sign on for Met Office Server Weather Warning <a href="http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/guide-to-emails">www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/guide-to-emails</a></li> <li>Ensure any blocked gullies that will cause flooding to property if not kept clear are identified within this plan and the local highway engineer advised.</li> <li>Obtain and keep secure contact numbers for vulnerable residents/business/farmers.</li> </ul>		
Period of wet weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Stay Safe</b></li> <li>Monitor water levels on Environment Agency Website <a href="http://www.flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk">www.flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk</a> – West Kington In Slaughterford monitor surface water run off on road above Manor Farm and on Thickwood Lane , which can trigger surface water flooding adjacent the Bybrook on either side of the bridge. .</li> <li>Monitor river levels upstream of bridge.</li> <li>Check identified gullies at risk and report if blocked, requesting clearance as part of the flood plan. Local residents to ensure gullies adjacent to Bybrook remain clear throughout period of heavy rainfall to facilitate egress of water into the river before the river water level rises.</li> </ul>		
<b>Flood Alert</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Stay Safe</b></li> <li>Telephone discussion/meeting of parish council re situation</li> <li>Continue to monitor river and surface water levels</li> <li>Take pictures/record levels if safe to do so and report back findings</li> <li>Advise residents at Brook Cottage &amp; businesses at the Mill that flood defences may need to be deployed.</li> <li>Advise owners (if known) of parked cars adjacent to river to remove in case of flooding.</li> </ul>		
<b>Flood Warning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Stay Safe</b></li> <li><b>Parish council to take actions</b></li> <li>Liaise with affected residents and business of change in flood status warning and to deploy defences or evacuate if safe to do so.</li> <li>Continue monitoring if safe to do so.</li> <li>Liaise with Environment Agency/Wiltshire Council re severity and feedback</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaise with Wiltshire and re severity and relevant information</li> <li>• Continue to monitor Environment Agency website Gauge map</li> <li>• Advise local farmers of increased flood risk to vulnerable livestock</li> <li>• Provide intelligence to emergency services if required</li> </ul>
<p><b>Severe Flood warning</b></p> <hr/> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flood warden to liaise with Wiltshire Council/parish council re flooding situation.</li> <li>• Advice residents and businesses of change in status if safe to do so</li> <li>• Continue to monitor Gauge Map and EA website</li> <li>• Contacts Environment Agency to check estimate times/dates of event</li> <li>• If safe to do so Monitor and record extent of flood</li> <li>• Advise emergency services of vulnerable residents requiring assistance and information and support if required</li> </ul>
<p><b>Warnings no longer in force</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish council</li> <li>• to liaise with residents and business re clean up process &amp; and also where/who can provide information</li> <li>• to help and assist setting up local meetings for residents with EA and Wiltshire Council to gather information if appropriate</li> <li>• to ensure any relevant information gathered is collated and passed to EA/Wiltshire council</li> <li>• to organise meeting to Review plan and actions</li> </ul>

### 3 Snow Plan

#### Pre Event – Planning

- Issue snow preparation advice via newsletter and/or parish website in late autumn/early winter ahead of main winter season
- Check equipment annually to ensure they are working properly, accessible and order replacements if required (if you have any)
- Order replacement grit supplies after the winter snow season – April/May
- Provide copy of gritting routes for parish on website or web address
- Apply August for resupply of grit bins
- (any local gritting routes agreed?)

#### Event – Action

- Monitor Met Office Weather Warnings
- If snow forecast, monitor and tweet these to @WiltshireRoads & @WiltshireWinter along with photo of roads/pavement
- Wiltshire Council Grit bins are yellow. Parish council are:-
- Report incidents of vulnerable people in need of support through to Wiltshire Council
- If public offer use of 4 x 4 vehicles assistance advise they should have adequate insurance to cover for charitable use and winter tyres or snow chains
- If amber or red weather warning consider withdrawing volunteers until safe to work outside again.
- If local evacuation required due to stuck transport consider opening local rest centre. Advise Wiltshire Council
- Ensure adequate rotation of volunteers during event. Volunteers should always report in to a coordinator, time out, where they are going and when they are back.
- If road conditions become dangerous, inform Wiltshire Council
- Advise Wiltshire council when standing down volunteers.
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#### Post Event – Recovery

- Audit equipment and check everything works, order replacements if required
- Participate in multi agency de brief
- Undertake in house lessons learned and update plan as required.

# **Biddestone & Slaughterford Parish Snow Response Plan**

Updated and revised Aug 2020

Annexes:

- A. Snow Warden Contact Sheet.
- B. Snow Plan Activation Diagram.

Enclosures:

1. Biddestone, Farmer/Contractor Clearance Route – Mr John Collett/ Mr David Taylor
2. Slaughterford, Farmer Clearance Route – Mr Stephen Freeth

## **Introduction**

The Biddestone & Slaughterford Parish Snow Response Plan is designed to provide a co-ordinated response during and after periods of intense snowfall; the plan is aimed at keeping access routes into and within the Parish open along with providing any additional support to elderly and vulnerable people during this period. The Parish Snow Response Plan has been put together in conjunction with Wiltshire Council (WC) and details the snow clearance activity that will be carried out by WC and the snow clearance activity to be carried out by the Parish.

## **Summary**

- WC will clear A4, A420 and the road directly through the centre of Biddestone (Yatton Road to the Cross Keys), which links these 2 routes as a priority.
- When required 2 local farmers and 1 contractor are employed to clear Parish secondary routes. Which was agreed and mapped out at a meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2014 with representatives of WC and Biddestone & Slaughterford PC.
- Village is to clear residential roads and paths on a self help basis. WC provide salt in grit bins and stock piled at 2 local farms to do this.
- Snow Wardens and Emergency Snow Cttee are to coordinate village snow clearance and support activity where possible.



## WC Snow Response Plan:

**Primary Response:** The priority activity for WC is to keep the main arterial routes around the Parish open. WC will salt and plough the A4, A420 and Yatton Road through to the Cross Keys (Route directly through the centre of Biddestone).

**Secondary Response:** In the event of a heavy snow fall road clearance and ploughing activity will be supported by 2 local farmers that have been formally contracted by WC Highways Department; Details the snow clearance routes been allocated to each farmer. For insurance cover whilst working and subsequent payment farmers must be authorised prior to commencing clearance activity by the WC Emergency Weather Team (farmers can use red diesel in vehicles when carrying out ploughing or gritting tasks).

Contracted Farmers:

1. **Mr David Taylor 3, Church Row, Biddestone. Mobile No: 07974631016 Email [dtmowers@gmail.com](mailto:dtmowers@gmail.com) (CONTACT IN FIRST INSTANCE).**

**Equipment** – Blade

**Action:** In Biddestone clear: Church Road, The Butts, Hartham Lane to Butts Close, The Tynings, Little Challows, Sawmills Lane to Little Challows, Cuttle Lane where it forks off to Slaughterford to Toplands Farm. \*

One tonne of salt stored at the farm

If Stephen Freeth unavailable, to clear the Slaughterford routes detailed below.

2. **Mr Stephen Freeth, Poultry Farm Cottage, Slaughterford SN14 8RF Tel: 07854831024 or 01249 782938 Email: [s.freeth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:s.freeth@hotmail.co.uk)**

**Equipment** – Blade

**Action:** In Slaughterford will clear: Manor Farm down to the bridge/Paper Mill in Slaughterford, and along Germain's Lane as far as the corner at Honeybrook Farm. From Manor Farm up the hill to Toplands Farm through to Giddeahall and the A420. \*

One tonne of salt stored at farm.

\*Routes discussed and agreed with WC in August 2014.

## Village Self Help

The village holds supplies of one tonne salt reserves in 2 locations, Field Barn Farm, Ham Lane, Biddestone and Manor Farm, Slaughterford, this salt is supplied by WC. This salt is to be used to refill the 6 grit bins located around the Parish – as the Parish consumes salt held in the grit bins a resupply from the 2 tonne stock pile is to be coordinated through the Parish Emergency Snow Committee. The Parish to salt the small residential roads that are not covered by the WC Snow Response Plan (*see above for details*).

## Snow Wardens and Community Self Help

The Snow Warden scheme has been introduced by WC to assist in the local coordination of snow clearance activities and provide support to the vulnerable and the elderly. The Snow Warden is to, where possible, coordinate local snow clearing activities in their nominated area and where appropriate act as a point of contact for the elderly and vulnerable during these inclement periods.

During the periods of Snow Clearance activity Wiltshire County Council will cover the public liability aspect of insurance for voluntary work on the public highway or footway, providing it is undertaken in a safe manner according to WC advice. WC will not provide any other form of insurance cover for this

activity, which must be undertaken at the volunteers own risk (list of areas and volunteers detailed at Annex A).

Any issues that need to be highlighted to WC regarding Snow Warden activities are to be directed through the Parish Council Snow Warden who will engage directly with WC, as detailed in the Snow Activation Plan, detailed at Annex B.

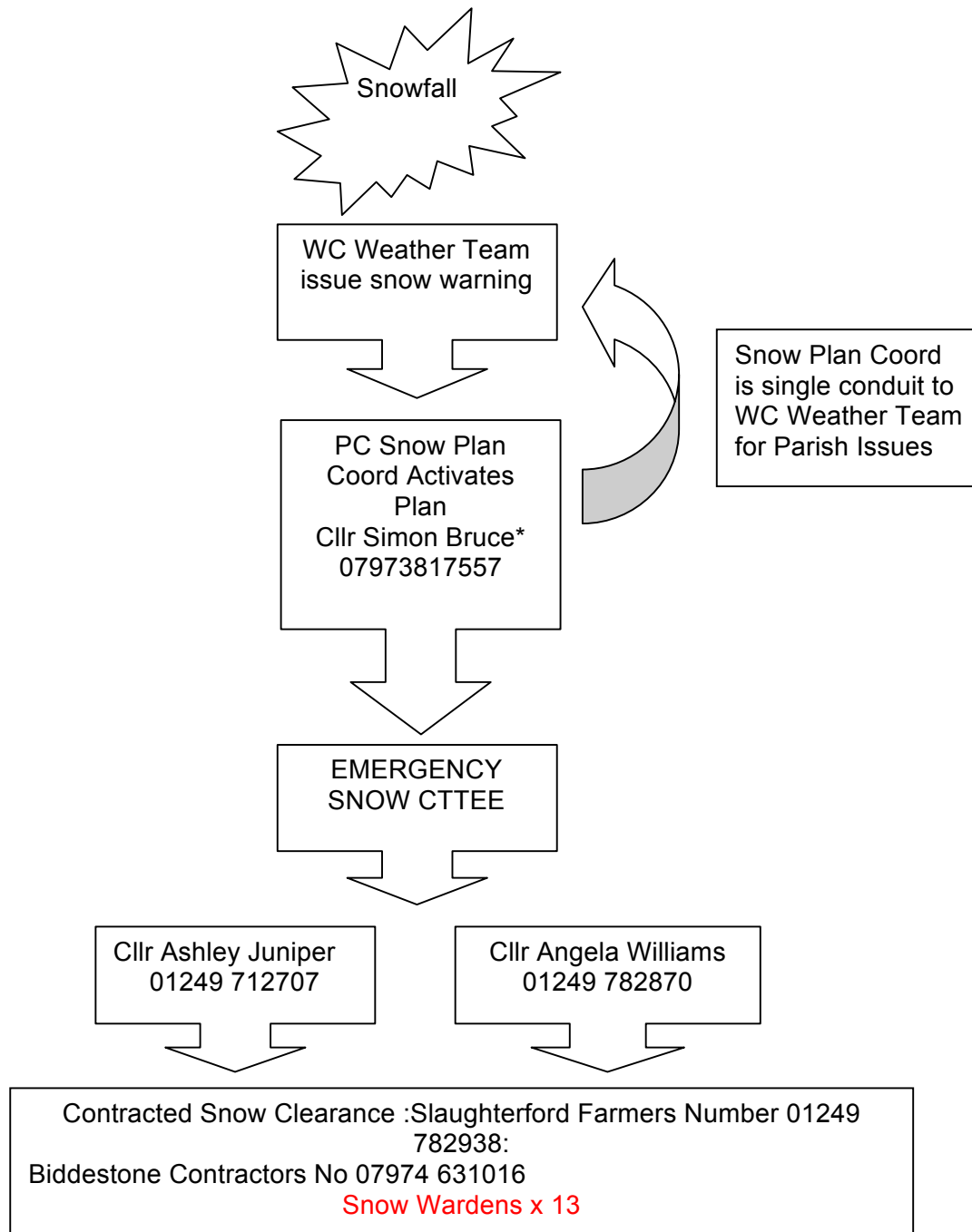
**Snow Warden Contact Sheet**

The Parish of Biddestone & Slaughterford has been divided into 8 areas with each area having a volunteer Snow Warden, as detailed below. There can be more than one Snow Warden for each area if desired.

<b>Area Covered</b>	<b>Name / Contact details of Snow Warden</b>	<b>Comments/ email addresses</b>
<b>The Green &amp; linked lanes off</b>	<b>Jamie Flint</b> <b>07900481584</b>  <b>Mary Inder Rieden</b> <b>01249 715269</b> <b>07712085295</b>  <b>David Pearce</b> <b>01249 701030</b>  <b>Nick Duff</b> <b>01249 712247</b>	<a href="mailto:flintyj@btinternet.com">flintyj@btinternet.com</a>  <a href="mailto:Mary.idr@hotmail.co.uk">Mary.idr@hotmail.co.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:Dap47@btinternet.com">Dap47@btinternet.com</a>  <a href="mailto:Nicholasduff@hotmail.com">Nicholasduff@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Cuttle Lane, Yatton Road &amp; Slaughterford Road</b>	<b>Martin Symington</b> <b>01249 701063</b>  <b>Ron Needham</b> <b>07872637571</b>  <b>David Webb</b> <b>07980747818</b>	<a href="mailto:martinsymington@aol.com">martinsymington@aol.com</a>  <a href="mailto:ronneedham31@gmail.com">ronneedham31@gmail.com</a>  <a href="mailto:dwebb@financialassociates.co.uk">dwebb@financialassociates.co.uk</a>
<b>The Butts</b>	<b>Quentin Kidner</b>  <b>Steven Armstrong</b> <b>07773508881</b>	<a href="mailto:Quentin.kidner@cerner.com">Quentin.kidner@cerner.com</a>  <a href="mailto:stevenarmy@hotmail.co.uk">stevenarmy@hotmail.co.uk</a>
<b>Butts Close &amp; Hartham Lane</b>	<b>Andrew Short</b> <b>07795 326518</b>  <b>Gordon Stanley</b> <b>07525 003728</b>	<a href="mailto:Andrew.Short@manuli.co.uk">Andrew.Short@manuli.co.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:Gordon.Stanley@leathwaite.com">Gordon.Stanley@leathwaite.com</a>
<b>The Tynings/ Little Challows</b>	<b>David Daniel</b> <b>01249701311</b> <b>07715208770</b>	<a href="mailto:Ddaniel1059@hotmail.com">Ddaniel1059@hotmail.com</a>
<b>The Tynings/ Little Challows</b>	<b>Kris Boulton</b> <b>3.Little Challows</b>	<a href="mailto:boultonkris@gmail.com">boultonkris@gmail.com</a>

	<b>01249 701065</b>  <b>Dave Cooper</b> <b>07980729960</b>	<a href="mailto:d.r.coops@btinternet.com"><u>d.r.coops@btinternet.com</u></a>
<b>Slaughterford</b>	<b>Barry Forsyth</b> <b>01249 783490</b> <b>07791446034</b>  <b>Jono Webster</b> <b>01249 783287</b>	<a href="mailto:Ba.forsyth@hotmail.co.uk"><u>Ba.forsyth@hotmail.co.uk</u></a>  <a href="mailto:ionoandmarywebster@msn.com"><u>ionoandmarywebster@msn.com</u></a>  <b>IN THE EVENT OF THE ABOVE</b> <b>NOT BEING AVAILABLE</b> <b>Angela Williams</b> <b>01249 782870</b>
<b>Church Road</b>	<b>Simon Bruce</b> <b>The Oak House</b> <b>01249 716330</b> <b>07973 817557</b>	<a href="mailto:Simon.bruce@btinternet.com"><u>Simon.bruce@btinternet.com</u></a>
<b>Church Road</b>	<b>Adam Walton</b> <b>The Old Rectory</b> <b>07980 817656</b>	<a href="mailto:adam@aw-consulting.co.uk"><u>adam@aw-consulting.co.uk</u></a>

## Snow Activation Plan



**Note: If Simon Bruce\* not available, please contact Ashley Juniper or Adam Walton.**

## Useful Telephone Numbers

<b>Weather Team</b>	<b>01225 718340</b>
<b>Farmers Hot Line</b>	<b>01225 718795</b>
<b>Hospital Transport LINK</b>	<b>07970617617</b>
<b>Incident Room</b>	<b>01225 718340</b>
<b>Tree Surgeon Barry Senneck</b>	<b>07968475731</b>
<b>Doctors – Porch Surgery, Corsham</b>	<b>01249 713019</b>
<b>Doctors – Box Surgery</b>	<b>01225 742361</b>
<b>Doctors – Jubilee Field. Yatton Kevnell</b>	<b>01249 782204</b>

## 4. Utilities Failure

### Pre Event – Planning

- Issue preparation list through parish newsletter/website in late summer ahead of main storm season and advertise the Priority Services Register with their power supplier (details can be found on household bill)
- <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consumers/household-gas-and-electricity-guide/extra-help-energy-services/priority-services-register-people-need>
- If road conditions become dangerous inform Wiltshire council.

### Event – Action

- Monitor met office weather warnings
- If power cut inform power company
- If water failure or sewage leak inform (Wessex Water/Thames) not sure who covers you.
- Be aware of vulnerable residents who may need assistance in event of loss of services. Contact Wiltshire Council or Health services if concerned.
- (This is where you can formalise what the parish already do)
- If flying debris advise volunteers to withdraw until conditions improve
- Do not approach any “downed” power cables – electricity can arc considerable distances. Assist in setting up cordon and inform Power Company asap. If someone trapped inform Dorset & Wiltshire F & R
- If Red or Amber warning given – advise standing down volunteers.
- If local evacuation required assist in manning rest centre
- Burst water mains can be dangerous due to pressure and may be contaminated – advise people to stay clear.
- Volunteers should report to coordinator when going out, where to and when they return – stay safe.

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### Post Event – Recovery

- Check and support businesses and households
- Participate in multi agency de brief
- Undertake in house lessons learned and update plan as required.

	<b>5. Public Health Emergency</b>
<b>Pre Event – Planning</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue Flue jab and meningitis advice through parish newsletter and website in late summer ahead of flue season and students heading to university..</li> </ul>	
<b>Event – Action</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If public health emergency declared in the parish liaise with Wiltshire Council re assistance required.</li> <li>• If Public Health team need use of facility for vaccinations assist with opening rest center and manning facility if appropriate and requested</li> <li>• Ensure volunteers are rotated to avoid overtiredness.</li> <li>• Advise Wiltshire council when standing down volunteers</li> <li>• Stay safe and follow instructions from Public Health</li> </ul>	
<b>Post Event – Recovery</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check and support and businesses and households</li> <li>• Participate in multi agency de brief</li> <li>• Undertake in house lessons learned and update plan as required.</li> </ul>	

	<b>6 Major Incident Plan</b>
<b>Pre Event – Planning</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training courses for volunteers e.g. first aid, emergency response.</li> <li>• Check equipment e.g. first aid packs if available order replacements if required</li> </ul>	
<b>Event – Action</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If major incident occurs e.g. train crash/vehicle crash/multiple property fire coordinator/volunteers to report to Incident commander to see if they can provide assistance.</li> <li>• If local evacuation or casualty triage station required consider opening local respite center in coordination with Incident Commander/Wiltshire Council.</li> <li>• Volunteers may be asked to assist with manning cordon or road closures. (Volunteers have no powers to stop people entering cordon or road closed – if breach occurs take details and report to Incident Commander) Do not advise drivers of detour routes.</li> <li>• Arrange rota of volunteers if situation ongoing.</li> <li>• Contact local resources if they may be of assistance</li> <li>• Advise Incident commander and Wiltshire Council when standing down volunteers.</li> <li>• Stay safe and follow instructions from Emergency Services do not put your life or others at risk.</li> </ul>	
<b>Post Event – Recovery</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check and support and businesses and households</li> <li>• Participate in multi agency de brief</li> <li>• Undertake in house lessons learned and update plan as required.</li> </ul>	

## APPENDIX A

### Sandbag Policy

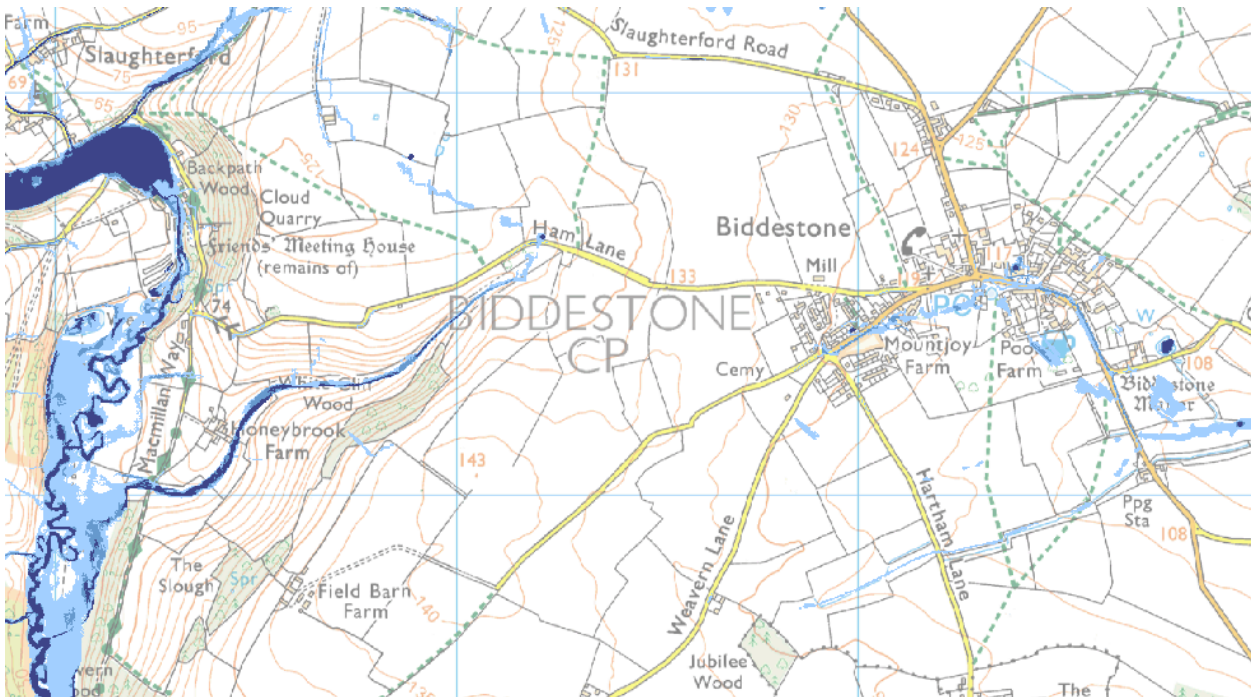
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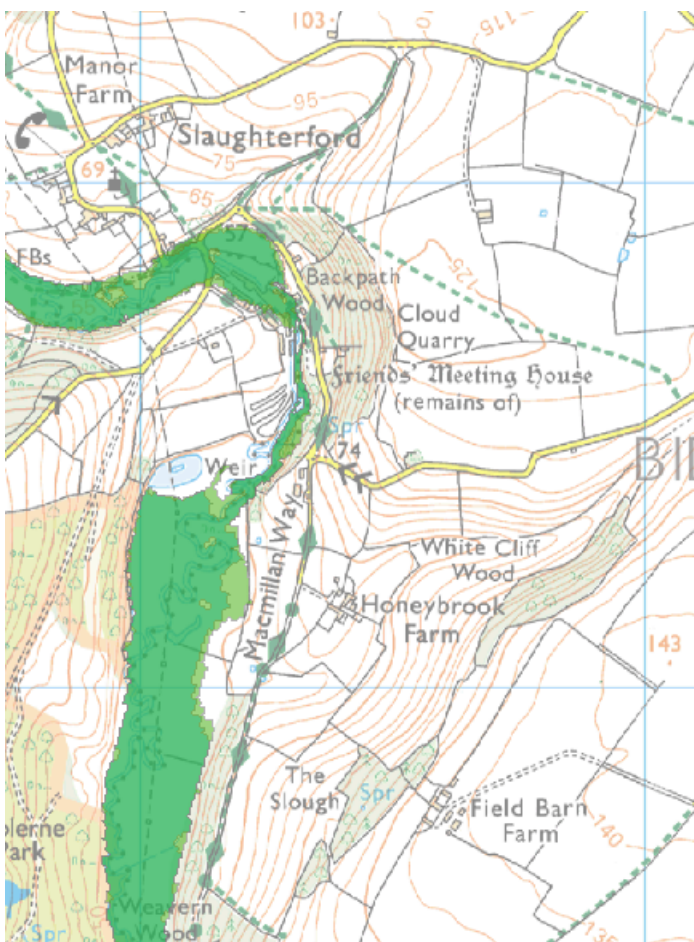
- The Parish/Town Council has a similar Sandbag policy to that of Wiltshire Council.
- Neither the parish council nor Wiltshire Council has a duty to provide Sandbags or other temporary flood defences to residential and business properties although we will try to help where we can subject to supply and demand. It should be noted it is the property owners responsibility to protect their property from flooding.
- If you know your property is at risk of flooding it is strongly recommended that you make your own arrangements for sandbags or other defences as part of a pre-emptive flood defence plan and sign up for the Environment Agencies Floodline warning system.
- What Sandbags the parish council has will be distributed on a 'needs' basis to properties at imminent risk of flooding. We will not supply sandbags to defend gardens, sheds, outbuildings or other such structures. We do not accept responsibility for the placing of flood defences although we will do our best to help property owners although manpower is prioritised to the elderly and disabled
- We will not supply sandbags or other temporary defences in advance based on forecasts. You cannot collect sandbags from the parish council.
- Once issued sandbags become the property of the property owner and it is the owners responsibility to dispose of them responsibly. Wiltshire Council can provide details of disposal sites
- The parish council only has limited supplies of sandbags and gel sacs which we would prioritise to the elderly, disabled, and those with young families before offering to other householders and businesses. We will provide only 10 sandbags per property (This is generally enough for 1 doorway)
- Whilst we appreciate flooding events are stressful and traumatic the parish council will stop the distribution of sandbags if their volunteers are verbally or physically threatened
- Useful Links:
  - Helpful advice [www.floodforum.org.uk](http://www.floodforum.org.uk)
  - Supplier information [www.blupages.org.uk](http://www.blupages.org.uk)
  - Floodline signup [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)
  - Wiltshire Council  
[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/civilemergencies/floodinganddrainage.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/civilemergencies/floodinganddrainage.htm)
  - Local Builder Merchants for Sandbags and plastic sheeting



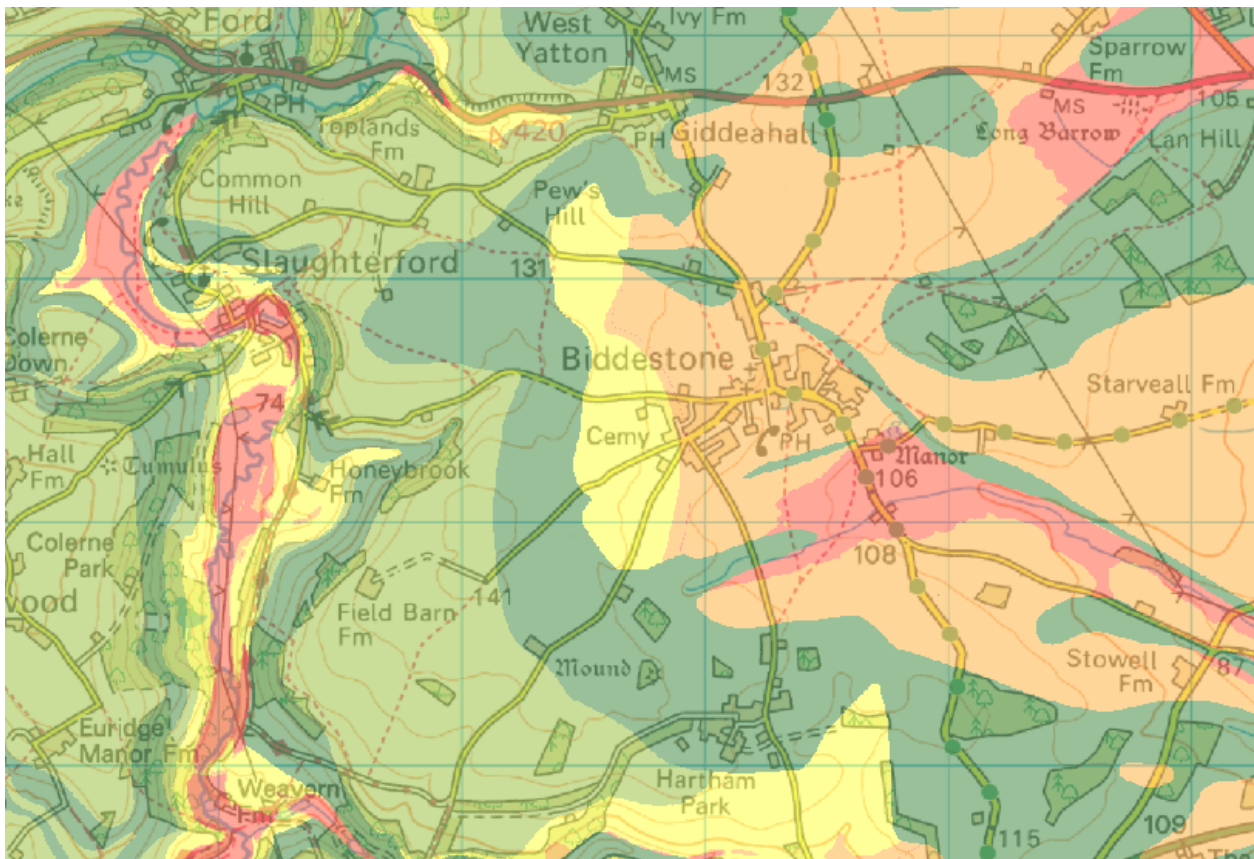
## River, Surface and Groundwater flood risk maps



Biddestone & Slaughterford Surface water flood risk



Slaughterford Flood Risk from river



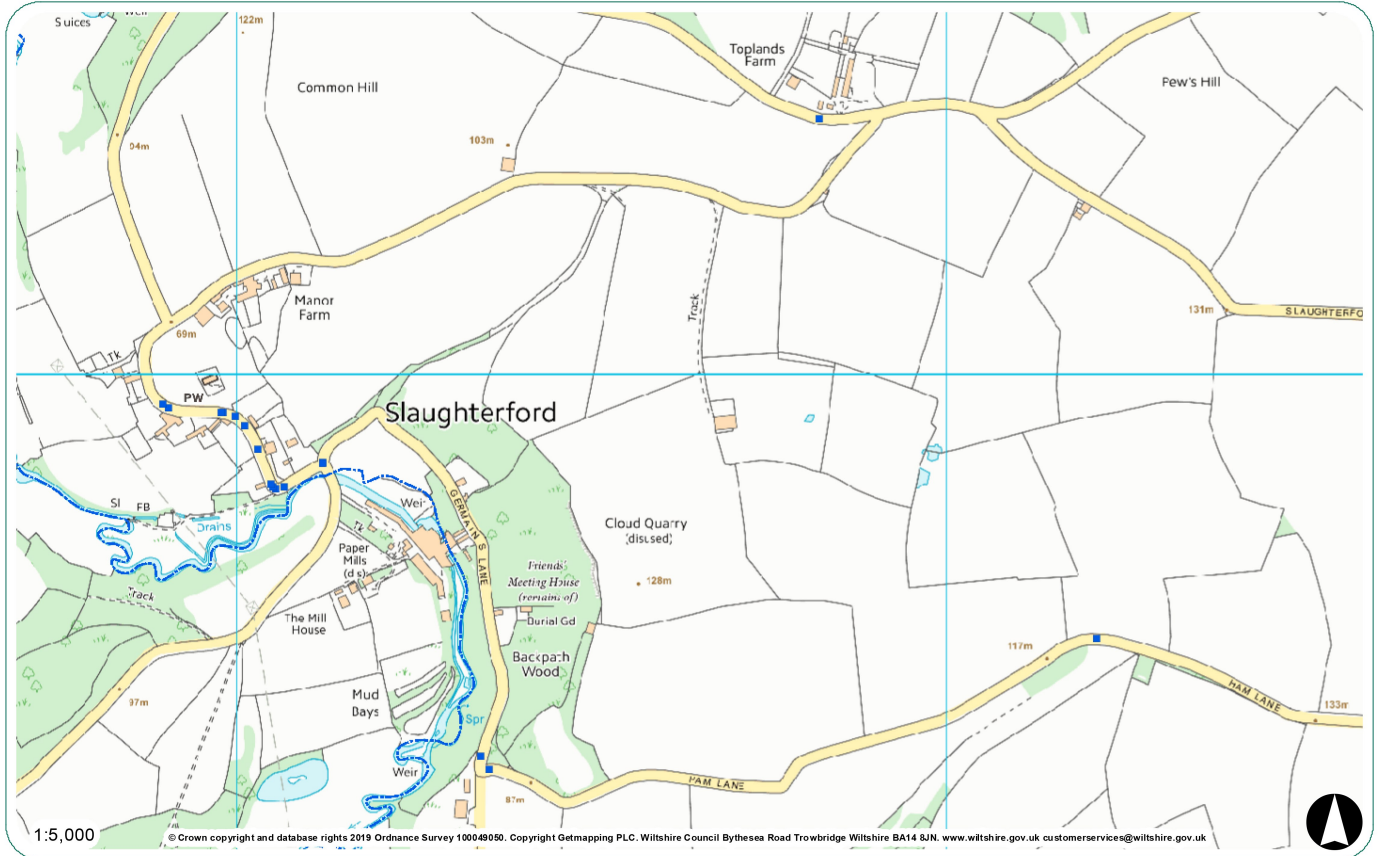
### Wiltshire council groundwater vulnerability

#### DepthRange

- No risk.
- Groundwater levels are at least 5m below the ground surface.
- Groundwater levels are between 0.5m and 5m below the ground surface.
- Groundwater levels are between 0.025m and 0.5m below the ground surface.
- Groundwater levels are either at or very near (within 0.025m of) the ground surface.

## Appendix C

### Critical gully's map and / or locations








## Appendix D

### Flood warning codes explained

The flood warning service has three types of warnings that will help you prepare for flooding and take action.

 <p><b>Flood Alert</b></p>	<p>Flooding is possible. Be prepared.</p> <p>When it's used</p> <p>Two hours to two days in advance of flooding.</p> <p>What to do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be prepared to act on your flood plan.</li><li>• Prepare a flood kit of essential items.</li><li>• Monitor local water levels and the flood forecast on our website</li></ul>
 <p><b>Flood Warning</b></p>	<p>Flooding is expected. Immediate action required.</p> <p>When it's used</p> <p>Half an hour to one day in advance of flooding.</p> <p>What to do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Move family, pets and valuables to a safe place.</li><li>• Turn off gas, electricity and water supplies if safe to do so.</li><li>• Put flood protection equipment in place.</li></ul>
 <p><b>Severe flooding.</b></p>	<p>When it's used</p> <p>When flooding poses a significant threat to life.</p> <p>What to do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stay in a safe place with a means of escape.</li><li>• Be ready should you need to evacuate from your home.</li><li>• Co-operate with the emergency services.</li><li>• Call 999 if you are in immediate danger.</li></ul>
<p><b>Warnings no longer in force</b></p>	<p>No further flooding is currently expected in your area and river or sea conditions are beginning to return to normal.</p>



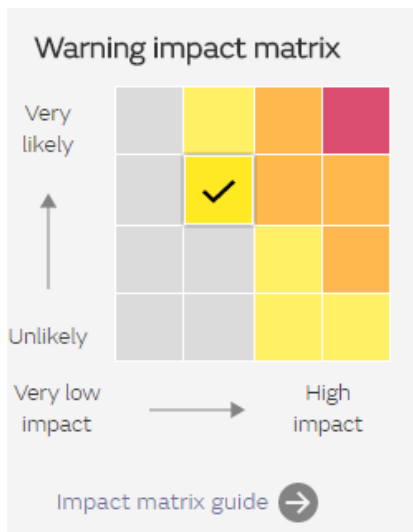
## Met Office Weather Warnings Explained

The Met Office issues weather warnings, through the National Severe Weather Warning Service, when severe weather has the potential to bring impacts to the UK. These warnings are given a colour (yellow, amber or red) depending on a combination of both the impact the weather may have and the likelihood of those impacts occurring.

Yellow and Amber warnings represent a range of impact levels and likelihoods. This means it is important to read each warning to know what level of impact you can expect for your chosen warning area – and how likely those impacts are to occur.

These impacts can include damage to property, travel delays and cancellations, loss of water supplies, power cuts and, in the most severe cases, bring a danger to life.

We show this combination of impact and likelihood in a matrix, which can be seen in the Further Details section of our warnings. To understand how likely we think the forecast impacts are, always check the matrix to see which box has been ticked.



**Yellow Warning:** Yellow warnings can be issued for a range of weather situations. Many are issued when it is likely that the weather will cause some low level impacts, including some disruption to travel in a few places. Many people may be able to continue with their daily routine, but there will be some that will be directly impacted and so it is important to assess if you could be affected. Other yellow warnings are issued when the weather could bring much more severe impacts to the majority of people but the certainty of those impacts occurring is much lower. It is important to read the content of yellow warnings to determine which weather situation is being covered by the yellow warning.

**Amber Warning:** There is an increased likelihood of impacts from severe weather, which could potentially disrupt your plans. This means there is the possibility of travel delays, road and rail closures, power cuts and the potential risk to life and property. You should think about changing your plans and taking action to protect yourself and your property. You may want to consider the impact of the weather on your family and your community and whether there is anything you need to do ahead of the severe weather to minimise the impact.

**Red Warning:** Dangerous weather is expected and, if you haven't already done so, you should take action now to keep yourself and others safe from the impact of the severe weather. It is very likely that there will be a risk to life, with substantial disruption to travel, energy supplies and possibly widespread damage to property and infrastructure. You should avoid travelling, where possible, and follow the advice of the emergency services and local authorities.