

# Flood Group Annual Report 2024

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We are members of the Shropshire Flood Action Group Forum which, under the auspices of the National Flood Forum is a grouping of all the existing Flood Action Groups in the County. The Group is chaired by Bob Haddon who has done such great work in the Telford area. It is anticipated that the Group will carry more clout than the individual members in getting action from the various Agencies involved in Flood Prevention.

The FAG was started by a number of local residents who were motivated to take action by the numerous flood events which occurred in the village during 2012.

We received encouragement and financial assistance from the DPC and this is still ongoing. They also kindly now send us all Planning Applications for comment.

We were introduced to the concept of Slow the Flow by the use of NFM techniques and were very pleased to discover that the Corvedale was in the forefront of all this under the Shropshire Slow the Flow Steering Group

The **Flood Response Plan** is kept up to date as new data emerges and the presence of a level gauge above Bouldon make it possible to rationalize this Plan for the settlements in the Pye Brook valley.

We are currently trying to find suitable places to store items such as sand bags (or Flood Sax) in each settlement and also to recruit an individual in each settlement who would be the designated “go to” person in the event of flooding plus other volunteers who could help with the supply of say equipment such as 4x4 transport, First Aid etc.

We have Multi Agency Meetings on a six monthly basis.

## Diddlebury Flood Action Group

New page produced on the parish website to promote the current workings of the Flood Group.

Our local Flood Action Plan has been updated at each local meeting.

Our last meeting was held on 10/4/24, The issues discussed

- Were the development of Bache Mill, which raised the ground levels within the development and the knock on effects to other local properties.
- The Local Resilience Plan updating.
- Shropshire Council are now investing again in the leaky dams projects

- Correspondence with Cardiff University showed that the previous leaky dams were insufficient to hold back the volume of water needed

New culverts under the road at Peaton Strand improved the control the run off water.

New gauge fitted on Pye Brook to monitor levels,

Annual stream clearing at Diddlebury footbridge was carried out.

New culvert pipes installed at Delbury Hall to relieve the flood waters beside 'The Malthouse' caused by the small road bridge next to Delbury Hall

The 'Boulton Wall', several visits by highway agencies but no forward action \ highways now asking landowner if an emergency channel could be created to take the floodwater flows.

Going forward we will consider our catchment area actions by splitting the area into three water basins – Corfton, Diddlebury, Pye Brook. It is hoped that this may encourage a higher involvement by residents.

## Flood Warnings

We receive

- Weather warnings from the Environment Agency.
- Stream level warnings from the gauges on the Diddle at Diddlebury B4368 bridge, and on the Pye Brook at Bouldon

These are sent out by email, and relayed onwards to the Flood Group Google group, and the Corvedale Google group

## Leaky Dams,

After an initial period of scepticism over leaky dams, a general perception that local flooding has been reduced by our efforts.

However during Storm Babet flooding again occurred after the rapid rise in the Diddle stream levels, 1.4m over period of 2 hours, again raised questions. After contacting Cardiff University they suggested a review of their modelling meant there was insufficient containment behind the built dams. Secondly, on inspection of the dams upstream of Diddlebury it was noticed several were now damaged and in need of reinstatement.

## Timeview Level Gauges

- On the Diddle - Mounted on the B4368 bridge in Diddlebury
- On Pye Brook – Mounted on footbridge upstream from Bouldon

## Storms during the year

- Babet 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023
  - Once again the harsh storm produced sufficient rainfall to cause flooding of several properties within the parish, namely at Bouldon, Peaton Strand, Diddlebury and Bache Mill
- Henk 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024
  - Luckily on this occasion although a storm of heavy rain, no flooding of properties was reported
- No new areas were flooded, unfortunately all properties previous flooded, again suffered