



Flooding - information on what Wychavon District Council is doing to prevent future flooding.

- The recent storms were an exceptional event, far in excess of a 1 in 100 year storm, which overwhelmed existing flood defences and infrastructure.
- Since the previous last big event, in Easter 1998, we have committed over £1 million on flood defence work in the most vulnerable areas and identified further works that can be done to reduce the risk of future flooding.
- We have set up a Flood Working Group to develop Flood Action Plans for each of the flooded areas. This is being done in conjunction with the EA, Severn Trent, local landowners, Parish & Town Councils and the Worcestershire County Council Highways department. As a result significant work has been carried out by all agencies to ensure existing systems are able to operate at their design capacity. This work will continue.
- We actively use our permissive powers under the Land Drainage Act to ensure watercourses and ditches are kept clear by their riparian owners (persons whose land adjoins a watercourse).
- A grant of up to £500 is being offered to individual households that have been internally flooded, to spend on individual flood prevention devices such as air brick covers.

We will continue to do all we can to further reduce the risk of flooding.

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