

## Is your community prepared?

### Do you have a Community Flood Warden?

It is recommended that every parish should have at least 2-3 wardens, not just those who have a large river, brook or watercourse running through their area.

This Autumn / Winter Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland have seen large amounts of flooding including areas that are not normally affect. This has been due to the saturated ground, heavy rain deposits and limited dry spells.

To find out what areas are at risk within your parish we recommend you visit the environment agency Flood maps for surface water and river flooding. See link below

<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/long-term-flood-risk/map>

In partnership with the Environment Agency, your local authorities are running 3 training session across Leicestershire & Rutland for anyone wishing to learn more about becoming a Community Flood Warden. See dates and venues below

- 18:00—20:00, 13th February, Hinckley
- 18:00—20:00, 12th March, Oakham, Rutland
- 18:00—20:00, 26th March, Coalville



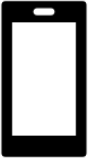




To reserve your space please contact our office on

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# What is a Community Flood Warden?

Tasks you might be asked to do:

-  Monitor local conditions
-  Distribute flood related information to residents and raise awareness of the local community of the flood risk.
-  Encourage residents to sign up to the Environment Agency Flood Warning System
-  Sign post residents to responsible authorities
-  Raise assistance requirements to responsible authorities on behalf of the local community
-  Report number of flooded properties to responsible authorities
-  Gather information on the current conditions and report to responsible authorities

Community Flood Wardens should never place themselves in a position where their own personal safety is at risk, including:

- entering any flood water
- clearing of blocked drains, gullies, ditches or watercourses.
- attempting any rescue operations

Additional training will be available for Community Flood Wardens who wish to have the ability to assist the Highways Authority in closing roads due to flooding, as and when required/requested to do so.

