



## Donhead St Andrew Parish Council Sandbag Policy

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- Donhead St Andrew Parish 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 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