

## **Melverley Flood Boat**

As your parish council we want to share up to date information regarding our flood boats. Most of you will know that we have had one boat for many years, originally gifted to us by Shropshire council following very significant flooding some 25+ years ago.

It was highlighted that there would be a benefit to the community to have a second boat, and after much work by members of the parish council and Melverley flood forum we succeeded in securing funding for a second boat. Both boats are now fully operational and the parish council have adopted the following guidelines for use.

The boats are owned, maintained and insured by Melverley parish council for the benefit of the community during times of flooding.

Only trained and insured crew members are able to mobilise the boats and respond to a situation.

Crew members will assess each situation and the decision on whether to proceed lies solely with them. Safety is paramount. The boats are not designed for fast flowing water. The boats and crew are not a taxi service.

During periods of flooding the crew will do whatever they can to help. They are not emergency services but do have a close working relationship with Shropshire Fire and Rescue and act as advisors to them regarding appropriate access routes into the community during a flood event. Alongside this they will offer support in any welfare or rescue situation as required.

The boats are located at the Church/Bontain and Crosslanes/Hendre areas of the village.

Crew members are - Martin Davies, Roger Jones, Paul Grimsley, Phil Scott, Josh Atherton, Stephen Jones and Jake Edwards, with Martin and Roger being the flood boat guardians.

If you need flood boat support please contact -

Martin Davies (Church/Bontain area) 07967 005830

Roger Jones (Crosslanes/Hendre area) 07977 462955

Alternatively you can contact Sally Herbert-Jones 07896 911398 as PC chairman for any more information.

Kind regards,

Melverley Parish Council

