

# **DIDDLEBURY PARISH FLOOD RESILIENCE PLAN**

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GROUP**

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**Version Seven**



**Supporting and representing flood risk communities**

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**Flood Action Group Lead:**

**Date:** September 2024

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## SUMMARY OF FLOOD RISK

### HISTORY OF FLOODING

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Due to the generally steep nature and small size of the catchments, flooding happens quickly and recedes quickly. Generally, the water has receded after an hour or two.

In **Bouldon**, Bouldon Farm is worst hit with the yard and the house both being flooded to around 1m in the past. The car park at the Tally Ho public house has flooded. The problem is worsened by blocked road drains.

At **Peaton Strand**, the road floods and some properties have had flood waters inside them. Flooding occurs on the road between Peaton and Peaton Strand. Peaton Cottage has flooded to a depth of 300mm.

In **Peaton** itself, the Pye Brook will overtop its banks and revert to its original course and that of an old mill race coming through the farm yard, across the road and into the outbuildings of Brook Cottage. This has been aggravated by blocked road drains.

At **Sutton**, the road floods near Patch House – again aggravated blocked a blocked culvert.

In **Lower Corfton** Karray Cottage has flooded on several occasions in the past. Warwick Cottage on the B4368 flooded in February 2020. The current owners had to place sandbags to prevent renewed flooding in December 2020.

In **Middlehope** there was minor flooding to the garage belonging to Lower Middlehope Barn in February 2020 and the road in the village suffers from serious flooding due to blocked drains in the past.

In **Diddlebury** Glebe Cottage by the bend at the bottom of Mill Lane has flooded on three occasions. In 2009, the Diddle Brook reverted to its old course across the front garden of Glebe Farm and entered Glebe Cottage from the rear. On the second occasion, water from Mill Lane entered from the front of the house. The third instance was a recurrence of flooding due to the brook crossing the garden of Glebe Farm. The owners, with assistance from the Council, have now installed flood gates and some tanking. Since that time (which coincided with the installation of 50 leaky dams upstream) no flood water has penetrated the defences. Mill Lane itself was impassable to traffic (including traffic to and from the Corvedale Primary School) for over an hour. In February 2020 the grounds of Delbury Hall were inundated. The nearby Malthouse was flooded to a depth of half a metre.

Roseford, the house immediately above the bridge on the B4368 in Diddlebury has suffered from flooding 5 times since 2000. The owner has installed some flood prevention measures but these were overtopped in February 2020. A ford across the Diddle Brook in Bache Mill is sometimes impassable. A further two properties in Bache Mill have experienced minor flooding, and damage to their river defences.

The February 2020 storm caused flooding in the Covredale C of E School and a farm building belonging to Topher Morgan.

The bridge taking the B4368 over the Diddle Brook was flooded in February 2020 and October 2023, due to blocked drains.

The small sewage pumping station in the green lane between Glebe Farm and Willowbrook on Mill Lane has flooded when the Diddle Brook tops its banks and water floods down this green lane to Mill Lane. The PS has recently been adopted by Severn Trent.

Sand bags for emergencies are available for the Highways depot in Craven Arms.

In recent times, 2007, 2009, 2012, 2020 and 2023, were bad years for flooding.

There is a perception in Diddlebury that since the erection of leaky dams in the Diddle Brook upstream of Diddlebury, both the frequency and severity of flooding have decreased. Sadly when surveyed in 2025 these were found to be in a state of disrepair.

## SOURCES OF FLOODING

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#### 1 Watercourses

Within the Parish there are two major tributaries of the River Corve which itself almost bisects the Parish. These are the Diddle Brook rising on Wenlock Edge and running through Diddlebury village to the Corve, and the Pye Brook (with its tributaries), rising on Brown Clee Hill and running through Bouldon, Peaton Strand, Peaton and Sutton before joining the Corve in the neighbouring Parish of Culmington.

As the Corve runs mainly through agricultural land and only crosses one road within the Parish (beneath a newly built bridge), it is not a major flood risk to property.

The Diddle Brook has caused flooding in Bache Mill, Diddlebury Village and Middlehope.

The Pye Brook has caused flooding in Bouldon, Peaton Strand and Peaton.

A smaller watercourse, Corfton Bache which also rises on Wenlock Edge, has caused some flooding in Corfton.

#### 2 Field run off

This causes flooding of roads – mainly in the Peaton Strand and Sutton areas. In Bache Mill area the field run off up the valley causes flooding to property.

#### 3 Road run off

Surface water running down the lane from Pinstones Farm to the B4368 at the entrance to Diddlebury village has in the past aggravated flooding further down Mill Lane. Run off from this road and the lane running beside Corfton Bache has done the same in Corfton.

## CONTACT LIST

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### IF LIFE IS AT RISK DIAL 999

Service / Name	Contact Number (Office Hours)	Contact Number (Out of Office Hours)	Additional Information
Floodline	0845 988 1188	0845 988 1188	<a href="http://fwd.environment-agency.gov.uk">fwd.environment-agency.gov.uk</a>
County Flood Management	0345 678 9006		<a href="mailto:flood@shropshire.gov.uk">flood@shropshire.gov.uk</a>
Diddlebury Parish Flood Action Group	07803184778		<a href="mailto:Happy4clive@gmail.com">Happy4clive@gmail.com</a>
Police (non emergency)	07773054602	101	<a href="mailto:contactus@westmercia.police.uk">contactus@westmercia.police.uk</a>
Fire and Rescue	01743 260200	01743260200	
Emergency Planning Shropshire Council	01743 260290	01743 260290	Ask for the Emergency Planning Duty Officer for Shropshire Council to be paged on X002 – giving a brief message, name & contact number.
Severn Trent Water	0800 783 4444	0800 783 4444	
Highways	01588 674 390	0345 678 9006	
BT	From landline: 0800 800 800 151 From mobile: 0330 123 4151		
Western Power	105		
Radio Shropshire	01743 248 484		96FM (Ludlow)

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## USEFUL LOCAL INFORMATION

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#### Immediate Assistance Group

Location	Name	Phone no. (01584)	Email address	Area of Expertise
<b>Diddlebury</b>	Tom O'Boyle	841690	<a href="mailto:tomoboyle@hotmail.co.uk">tomoboyle@hotmail.co.uk</a>	General Assistance
	Sara Thompson	841388	<a href="mailto:sara602@btinternet.com">sara602@btinternet.com</a>	General Assistance
	Ian Davies	841388	<a href="mailto:ian.davies455@btinternet.com">ian.davies455@btinternet.com</a>	General Assistance
	Paul Constable	841426	<a href="mailto:paulconstable@gmail.com">paulconstable@gmail.com</a>	General Assistance
	Sharon Constable	841426	<a href="mailto:paulconstable@gmail.com">paulconstable@gmail.com</a>	General Assistance
<b>Bache Mill</b>	Clive Martyn	841346	<a href="mailto:happy4clive@gmail.com">happy4clive@gmail.com</a>	General Assistance
	Nicky Fuller	841694	<a href="mailto:nickylisafuller@icloud.com">nickylisafuller@icloud.com</a>	General Assistance
<b>Corfton</b>	Ray Wilcox	861607	<a href="mailto:karray@btinternet.com">karray@btinternet.com</a>	General Assistance / First Aid
	Stephen Povall	861623	<a href="mailto:corftonfarm@corftonsy7.co.uk">corftonfarm@corftonsy7.co.uk</a>	General Assistance / Farm Equip
<b>Middlehope</b>				
<b>Bouldon</b>	Bernie O'Connor	841778	<a href="mailto:fquirk202@aol.com">fquirk202@aol.com</a>	General Assistance
<b>Peaton</b>	Nic Robinson	841753	<a href="mailto:nicrobinson1@btinternet.com">nicrobinson1@btinternet.com</a>	General Assistance
<b>Peaton Strand</b>	Alan Cronin	705000	<a href="mailto:alanjanecronin@gmail.com">alanjanecronin@gmail.com</a>	General Assistance

#### Location of Emergency Equipment

Village	Store Location	Contents	Key Holder
<b>Diddlebury</b>			
<b>Bache Mill</b>	Roseford	Flood Signs	Clive Martyn
<b>Corfton</b>	Karray Cottage	Sandbags	Ray Wilcox
<b>Middlehope</b>			
<b>Bouldon</b>			
<b>Peaton</b>	Brook Cottage	Sandbags / Flood Signs	Nic Robinson
<b>Peaton Strand</b>	Chapel House	Sandbags	Alan Cronin

Feed information up to Agencies and Authorities

County Highways Andy Keyland  
01588 674390

County Flood and Water Management Team, Rhian Townsend 01743 253893

Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Luke Neal 01743 284 275

## DIDDLEBURY PARISH FLOOD ACTION GROUP

(THE FOLLOWING APPLIES TO DIDDLEBURY AND BACHE MILL)

**TRIGGER 1**  
E mail alert from depth gauge on Diddlebury bridge.  
Level 1 alarm 0.3m

Distribute email message to FAG Immediate Assistance Group and Diddlebury Parish Flood Group members.  
Ring "At risk" houses. Warn people of possible flooding.  
Monitor real time feed from stream level gauges every 15 minutes.  
Ensure gully at entrance of green lane to Mill Lane is debris free. Ensure road drains are free of debris.

**TRIGGER 2**  
E mail alert from depth gauge on Diddlebury bridge.  
Level 2 alarm 0.8m

Distribute email message to FAG Immediate Assistance Group and Diddlebury Parish Flood Group members.  
Ring "At risk" houses. Warn people of imminent flooding.  
Monitor real time feed from stream level gauges every 15 minutes.  
  
Response measures should be put in place including flood sacks, road signs

**TRIGGER 3**  
E mail alert from depth gauge on Diddlebury bridge.  
Level 2 alarm 0.8m

Monitor real time feed from stream level gauges every 15 minutes.  
  
If level is dropping and rain ceased, inform residents that the flood has peaked for the present.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / ACTIONS REQUIRED

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## **DIDDLEBURY PARISH FLOOD ACTION GROUP**

(THE FOLLOWING APPLIES TO BOULTON)

### **TRIGGER 1**

E mail alert from depth gauge on Pye Brook.  
Level 1 alarm 0.3m

Distribute email message to FAG Immediate Assistance Group and Diddlebury Parish Flood Group members.  
Ring "At risk" houses. Warn people of possible flooding.  
Monitor real time feed from stream level gauges every 15 minutes.  
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# MAP OF AREA







## GUIDANCE NOTES

BE AWARE THAT AT TIMES OF SEVERE RAINFALL,

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- **MILL LANE, DIDDLEBURY CAN FLOOD AT THE BOTTOM CORNER BY THE BRIDGE. FLOOD WATER CAN REACH A DEPTH OF ABOUT HALF A METRE MAKING THE ROAD IMPASSABLE TO NORMAL TRAFFIC, PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS.**
    - **THE B4368 ROAD BRIDGE OFTEN FLOODS DUE TO THE ROAD DRAINS BEING OVERWHELMED BY THE VOLUME OF SURFACE WATER. WATER CAN REACH A DEPTH OF 300MM MAKING DRIVING THROUGH DIFFICULT.**
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**IF YOU DO HAVE A VEHICLE WHICH CAN DRIVE THROUGH THE FLOOD WATER, PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AS IF YOU DRIVE QUICKLY, THE WAVES YOU GENERATE WILL EXACERBATE FLOODING OF NEARBY PROPERTIES.**

**THE FLOOD WATERS GENERALLY RECEDE AFTER AN HOUR OR TWO SO IF YOUR TRIP IS NOT URGENT, IT IS BETTER TO TRY AGAIN LATER. IF YOU DO HAVE TO GET THROUGH, THEN THE SHORTEST ALTERNATIVE ROUTE IS VIA BEAMBRIDGE AND BRONCROFT.**

**THE FORD ON BACHE MILL CAN ALSO SOMETIMES BECOME IMPASSABLE FOR AN HOUR OR TWO. THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE ROUTE HERE.**

**IN PEATON STRAND AND SUTTON, FIELD RUN OFF CAN CLOSE ROADS TEMPORARILY.**

**THE ROAD IN THE LOWER PART OF CORFTON CAN OCCASIONALLY BECOME IMPASSABLE TEMPORARILY.**

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