

## **From The Hambleton Flood Action Group To all Villagers**

Acting on behalf of the Hambleton Parish Council, the Flood Action group (FAG) maintains a Community Resilience Plan as an input to the Hampshire County Council Emergency Planning Office (HCCEPO). We receive information from their team, along with information from the Environment Agency relative to possible flooding in our area, with useful data on relevant changes in groundwater levels.

As we approach winter, the FAG would like to encourage villagers to keep aware of the weather situation, along with the available advice to help us prepare. The Environment Agency have published a Groundwater Flooding Briefing note, including lots of graphs, which are attached. The main point from this is that Groundwater levels are high, but flooding is not expected imminently. However, we may see some flooding at the start of 2020.

Hambleton is in a Flood Risk Area, making the EA advice valuable, so please:

- Sign up for any relevant flood warnings (<https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>)
- Read the attached leaflet from the Environment Agency with some practical advice
- Scroll to the bottom of the ground water briefing for some more advice and links
- Check the website for live water level updates
- Prepare ahead, if you receive flood warnings think about how you are going to protect your property and yourselves, and where you get those resources from
- Have a look at the Hampshire County Council website for guidance on preparing for flooding (<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/emergencyplanning/whattoplanfor/floodingadvice>)
- The National Flood Forum provides some useful information (<https://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/about-flooding/preparing/checklist-action-plan/>)
- Think about any other winter risks and preparation!
- If in doubt or you have any concerns, contact a member of the FAG, or the Chairman, Jan Jarvie

There is lots of information on how to protect your home from flooding available from the Environment Agency and your local District Council, and it remains the home owners responsibility to look after their property.

Kind Regards,  
Emergency Planning Team