



| FLOODING REPORT |
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| Approval To Note |
| Purpose of the Report To provide an update on the recent flooding in Belper and Milford. |
| Background Information In November 2019 Belper and Milford suffered severe flooding. 2 families are yet to return to their homes following this flooding. In January 2021 Belper and Milford suffered flooding again with less damage to residential properties but significant to businesses. (The 2 families homes were flooded in 2021 also) |
| Legislation N/A |
| Accessibility Implications N/A |
| Climate Emergency Implications This work will not accelerate our changing climate. It is needed as a response to it, not a cause of it. |
| Financial Implications Nil at this stage. Grants may be requested. |
| Recommendation(s) Update only. On Saturday 19 th February 2022 the Environment Agency issued a flood alert for the Lower River Derwent. On Sunday 20 th February 2022 this was upgraded to a flood warning. The level of the river was expected to peak at 4am on Monday the 21 st , however the Derwent breached its banks at 11pm on Sunday the 20 th . Overnight we suffered significant flooding in 3 of the 4 flood zones (The houses adjacent to the Coppice Brook were not flooded). Several roads were closed by the Police and DCC Highways department. During Saturday and Sunday Wardens of the Belper Flood Watch Scheme visited key properties to offer flood sacks and bags to prepare. AVBC staff delivered sandbags to properties on Wyver Lane and Bridgefoot. Despite this, river water entered 2 residential properties and several businesses. All affected properties and businesses have been visited since the flood and advised of the DCC grant (which has been significantly reduced from £5K to £500 for businesses and £104 for residential properties). |



Reasons for recommendation(s)

The update is provided to keep Belper Town Council aware of the most recent flooding incident and to thank DCC, AVBC and BTC staff.

Our Belper Flood Watch Scheme worked well, and thanks go to Wardens Fay Atkinson, Chris Ring, Alan Squires and Ben Bellamy.

I will be hosting a thank you and debrief meeting to discuss our response and areas for improvement.

Credit must also be given to residents and business owners. Forge Steps residents have installed a pump system which worked and held off the worst of the flooding. 1 property on Wyver Lane has undertaken massive flood prevention works and this time they avoided any water entering the house and are now on schedule to return to their home after 2 years absence.

The owner of the Fit Pit has designed and installed his own pump system which worked incredibly well, and he did not need to close the gym.

Residents on Wyver Lane and Forge Steps worked together to minimize any impact.

BTC have loaned our 3 dehumidifiers to Tom Yum where they are in constant use to expediate the reopening.

The Mill, River Gardens and Tea rooms were affected by the flooding.

The Belper Meadows Community Sports Clubs were significantly affected and intensive clean up efforts have been arranged. I spent the weekend of the 26th and 27th cleaning up the Belper Meadows Tennis Club courts along with other volunteers.

Submitted by Cllr E. Monkman