

Letter to Ambaston Residents and
those living on Borrowash Lane,
Elvaston.

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Dear Resident

Elvaston Parish Community Self Help Flood Plan

I have enclosed your copy of the Parish Flood Plan Leaflet that contains advice about what you can do to protect yourself in the event of a flood. A Parish Flood Risk map, which shows the level of flood risk within the Parish, is on to the reverse of this letter. I hope you find this information useful.

The flood risk map shows those parts of the Parish at risk of flooding from the River Derwent. Flood protection work, including the Ambaston floodbank, effectively protects most areas from flooding but a few isolated dwellings and parts of Elvaston remain at risk.

The Parish Flood Plan can also be found on the Parish website www.elvaston-pc.org.uk. The advice within that Plan, and links to other agencies, enables you to make informed decisions about preparing for, and mitigating the impact of a flood.

Sudden storms can overwhelm local streams and watercourses and spill out into properties, but under normal weather conditions this type of flood risk within the Parish has remained low.

The Emergency Services and Government Agencies have a history of reacting quickly and effectively to flood events. However, it remains the responsibility of individual residents to assess their own flood risk, and to make informed decisions about how to protect themselves and their property

Everyone should heed 'Flood Warnings'. The 24 hour **Floodline 0345 988 1188** provides added details of local flooding. Registering with **Flood Warnings Direct** enables alerts and warnings for your post code to go direct to your phones, tablet, email, etc.

Residents in 'at risk' areas should know:

- What they can do to prepare for a future flood event - hard protection, flood kit
- The flood warning codes and how each level could affect them
- How to register with The Environment Agency's Flood Warnings Direct
- How to recover from, and clean up after flooding.

The flood risk may be relatively low and hopefully will remain so, but it is prudent to be aware of that risk, and to think in advance about what you would do if your property were to be in imminent danger of flooding. Hopefully, this leaflet and its links to other sources of advice will be useful to you.

Yours faithfully

Paul Bickerton

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