



# Flood Awareness Week

13th – 19th October 2025

Hosted by **Datchet Parish Council**



## Be Flood Ready, Stay Flood Safe

With summer behind us and winter fast approaching, **National Flood Awareness Week** is the perfect time to remind ourselves how to protect our homes, families, and community from flooding.

Datchet Parish Council has updated its **Community Flood Plan**, available online from **the end of October**, and provides a wealth of resources to help residents prepare.



Visit our Flood Information page:

[Flooding - Datchet Parish Council](#)



## What You Can Do



### 1. Sign up for Flood Warnings

Receive early alerts from the **Environment Agency**.



Call **Floodline (24 hours)**: 0345 988 1188



Visit: [Sign up for flood warnings - GOV.UK](#)



### 2. Review the Community Flood Plan

Learn about your local **flood wardens, marshals**, and how **Datchet Parish Council** will respond in a flood.



New version available soon on our website.

[Flood Plan website Ver 6 NOV 2023 - new maps.pdf](#)



### 3. Make Your Home “Flood Ready”

Explore **Property Flood Resilience (PFR)** measures to protect your property.

Check out the excellent **PFR Directory** by *Mary Long-Dhonau (“Flood Mary”)*:

This excellent guide is a “one stop shop” covering the whole journey, from guidance on obtaining flood insurance, to preparing for a flood, to a comprehensive directory of flood resilience measures, to flood repair, to surveys, and even some advice on how to make gardens flood resilient.

Mary has produced many publications and videos on property flood resilience, but of particular interest is the following short YouTube Video (which is about eight minutes long) taking you through some very simple flood resistance measures which can be done for very little or negligible cost.

 [Attention! Introducing the NEW Property Flood Resilience \(PFR\) Directory! - Flood Mary](#)

 Watch: [Preparing for a flood - YouTube](#)

 See also: [Prepare yourself - Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum](#)

## 4. Prepare Your Personal Flood Plan

Having a simple checklist and important documents ready can make all the difference.

Download templates here:

 [Household-flood-to-do-list-2025.pdf](#)

 [Your Home Emergency Plan.pdf](#)

### Local Case Study: *Cllr. Susan Young*

After her home flooded in 2014, Susan took practical steps to protect against future floods.

Read her story in the attached presentation.

### Quote

***“While the events of the winter of 2014 may seem a distant memory, the risk of flooding is only likely to increase with climate change.***

***To this end, forewarned is forearmed and it falls to both the Parish Council and to individual homeowners to do what they can to protect themselves should the village once again find itself flooded.”***

***— David Buckley, Chair of Datchet Parish Council***




### Images





### **Stay Connected**

Follow and share updates via:

-  **Datchet Parish Council Website**
-  **Datchet Parish Council Facebook Page**
-  **Datchet Eye & Datchet Matters Facebook Pages**

# Property Flood Resilience – A local example

Cllr. Susan Young

Datchet Parish Council – Flood Resilience and Awareness Event  
29<sup>th</sup> January 2024



# Background

- I viewed my flat in autumn 2013 – and knew this could be my forever home
- I knew about the area's flood risk but the village had not had a major flood since 1947
- As a Risk Management professional, I balanced the risk and reward and decided to take the risk
- I had been a flood victim in London in 2004 (surface water) and had recovered from that!
- Nonetheless, I decided to research property flood resilience and risk mitigation once I was settled in
- The River Thames had other ideas.....

10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 – a date firmly etched in our collective memory!



## So what did I do?

- Contacted the insurance company who sent a loss adjuster
- Placated my mortgage lender
- Found alternative accommodation
- Did some research and reached out to Mary who I saw on TV
- Was recommended a specialist flood firm who came to do a survey
- Applied for a Repair and Renew Grant which was approved
- Once I moved in and was settled, implemented the survey recommendations



# Flood Resistance Measures – Keeping the water out!

Submersible  
Pumps in  
Outhouse



Clip on Flood  
Barrier (Back)



Toilet Bungs!



Kitemarked Flood  
Door (Front)



Non Return  
Valves in  
Courtyard



Internal Puddle  
Sucker





# Flood Resilience Measures – Limiting the damage

Tiled Floors with  
rugs throughout  
most of the flat



Ceramic tiled hall with rugs.



Wooden Kitchen  
units with  
removable  
kickboards



Varnished Doors,  
architraves and  
skirting boards



## What else?

- Fortunately, the flat as a basement flat is tanked on the outside and the plaster was already waterproof
- I have my front door serviced periodically and test my pumps
- I have added to my arsenal over the years.....
- See next slide....

Forewarned is forearmed!



Thank you for listening!!!!

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