

The Environment Agency, Chiltern District Council and Amersham Town Council have all carried out various works in response to the flooding experienced in Old Amersham in February 2014. This newsletter provides an update on what we have been doing and a number of ways you can start preparing now before another flood happens.

What have the Environment Agency been doing?

- We have inspected all third party culverts.
- We have put trash pins at the Studio culvert but it is not our responsibility to maintain them.
- We have put a new trash screen on the Tesco culvert which goes under the Tesco car park.
- We have cut sections out of the weirs upstream of Church Street to allow flow throughout the year.
- We have cut vegetation along parts of the River Misbourne.



Above: The new trash pins at Studio Culvert (left) and the new trash screen on the Tesco Culvert (right)

What have Chiltern District Council been doing?

- We have put together a working group which consists of Bucks County Council, Chiltern District Council, Amersham Town Council, the Environment Agency, Revitalisation Group, Site Manager, The Maltings Amersham and Amersham Society.
- We have been continuously monitoring river levels along the Misbourne.
- We organised a training session for members of the Amersham Society to increase their understanding and knowledge of how to improve the quality of rivers. The Amersham Society now carry out a survey on the condition of the river twice a year. The information from this survey is shared with the working group and used to discuss options for any remedial actions.

What have Amersham Town Council been doing?

- We continue to monitor the Misbourne stretch at Barn Meadow 2 – 3 times a week.
- We also carry out maintenance on all the land owned by the Town Council.

What can you do?

1. Find out if you are at risk and where in your community is at risk:

- Visit www.gov.uk/check-if-youre-at-risk-of-flooding
- E-mail enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk
- Call Floodline on **0345 988 1188**

2. If you are at risk sign up to Floodline Warnings Direct

- Floodline Warnings Direct is a completely free 24-hour service which gives you an advance flood warning in your area by telephone, mobile, fax, pager, text or email.
- Register for this service by calling **0345 988 1188** or by visiting www.gov.uk/floodline.

3. Know your flood warning codes



FLOOD ALERT

Flooding is possible.
Be prepared.



FLOOD WARNING

Flooding is expected.
Immediate action required.



SEVERE FLOOD WARNING

Severe flooding.
Danger to life.

4. Be prepared for a flood:

- Create a personal flood plan
- Prepare your home in case there is a flood
- Check your insurance cover
- Find out how you can help your local community to be prepared
- For further information on how to carry out preparatory actions please visit www.gov.uk/prepare-for-a-flood

Useful Contacts

Contact **Floodline** on **0345 9881188** for up to date flood warning information or advice.

Contact the Environment Agency **incident hotline** on **0800 80 70 60** to report flooding, blockages in rivers or any other environmental incident.

