



## **Flooding - information on what Wychavon District Council is doing to prevent future flooding,**

- The recent storms were an exceptional event, far in excess of a 1 in 100 year storm, which overwhelmed existing flood defences and infrastructure.
- Since the previous last big event, in Easter 1998, we have committed over £1 million on flood defence work in the most vulnerable areas and identified further works that can be done to reduce the risk of future flooding.
- We have set up a Flood Working Group to develop Flood Action Plans for each of the flooded areas. This is being done in conjunction with the EA, Severn Trent, local landowners, Parish & Town Councils and the Worcestershire County Council Highways department. As a result significant work has been carried out by all agencies to ensure existing systems are able to operate at their design capacity. This work will continue.
- We actively use our permissive powers under the Land Drainage Act to ensure watercourses and ditches are kept clear by their riparian owners (persons whose land adjoins a watercourse).
- A grant of £100 is being offered to individual households that have been internally flooded, to spend on individual flood prevention devices such as air brick covers.

**We will continue to do all we can to further reduce the risk of flooding.**

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