

Hellifield - Flood Alerts

Concerns have again been raised about flood risk, particularly behind Thornview and in Park Place, Park Avenue. I'm writing this update the day after yet another period of heavy rain and a wet night for some on the emergency team checking flood risk and linking to NYCC emergency response.

Understandably people have been concerned in Hellifield as water levels in the beck have risen and fields near Thornview in particular, have flooded. A monitoring station situated, just behind Newton Way measures the water level in the beck. When the water level reaches 0.81metres (normal level less than 0.3m), a Flood Alert is triggered. Members of the Parish Council Emergency Team receive an alert message and together with other volunteers, check what is happening, particularly behind Thornview and the roads near Park Avenue.

You can download the Gov.UK Flood Information Service app, which gives alerts and allows you to see the river levels in our area. We would encourage people in the high risk areas to sign up for the Flood Alerts particularly those around Park Avenue, Drovers Walk and Thornview.

Though posting information on Facebook can help alert people in the village, **if water levels are reaching your property then: first you should also ring 999 for the fire brigade. secondly you should contact one of the Parish Council team directly to ensure appropriate action.** The Parish Council team is in contact with NYCC and CDC response teams. Should a serious situation arise which requires homes to be evacuated, the institute will be made available or if that is affected, the Wesley Centre on Haw Grove.

To improve protection for the village, the Parish Council Emergency Team would like to recruit a number of volunteers who would help monitor water levels on the ground. We would welcome volunteers especially from those high risk areas. If you are willing to assist, please pass your name and contact details to our clerk and we will get in touch.

Useful telephone numbers:

Emergency Team Leader – Bob Moore: 07986215646 or 01729 851660

Emergency Team Contacts:

Mary Blackwell: 07719079280 (Parish Council Clerk)

Brian Hugill: 07976233377 or 01729 851000 (Parish Council Chairman)

David Statt: 01729 850449 or 07904932103 (Parish Council Vice-chairman)

Flood Line Alert: 0345 988 1188

Gas Emergency: 0800111999

Electricity Emergency: 105

Yorkshire Water Emergency: 0800 573553

Bob Moore