

A photograph of a flooded residential street in Marton. In the foreground, a paved sidewalk and a gravel path lead towards a flooded area. A low stone wall runs along the edge of the water. In the background, a red car is partially submerged in the floodwater. Houses and trees are visible in the distance under a cloudy sky.

# Marton Emergency Plan

## Spring 2013



# Emergency Contacts

## Inside the village

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### **Website**

[www.martonvillage.com](http://www.martonvillage.com)

### **Email**

[newsletter@martonvillage.com](mailto:newsletter@martonvillage.com)

### **Marton Group email**

If you are signed up to Marton group email you could circulate news on any emergency as it develops as well as being the first to hear of the latest news.

Apply to be added to the group at **[admin@martonvillage.com](mailto:admin@martonvillage.com)**

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## **Key Contacts**

### **For Major Emergencies**

Some situations demand that villagers immediately contact the emergency services as soon as an emergency arises. A 999 call is justified.

### **For Major & Minor Emergencies**

Contact should also be made with the parish council using the up-to-date information in the Newsletter or the village website **[www.martonvillage.com](http://www.martonvillage.com)**. The council will in turn make contact with the area emergency planning unit.

Depending on the scale of the emergency the parish council will also be able to make use of their own limited emergency resources and those registered in private hands.

Also, if necessary, the Village Hall would be opened as an emergency rest centre.

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## Introduction

The creation of a 'resilient community' in Marton has become a matter of concern in recent years. The floods of 2007 had a great impact nationwide as well as locally in Warwickshire, and especially Marton. As a consequence there has been much material produced in recent years, by various organisations that have focused on this issue.

But other emergencies might arise. That have affected our community in the past.

e.g.

- Heavy snow
- Other severe weather  
*e.g. storms and gales*
- Electricity or gas failure
- Road accident
- Fires
- Major gas leak
- Disease (Foot & Mouth)
- Sewage failure
- Etc

Marton has now produced its own Emergency Plan. This is a document running to 40+ A4 pages. It is useful to have such a detailed document that attempts to second guess the ways that future emergencies can be mitigated. However, the danger is that the more that is written the less likely it is to be read, so this shortened version is to provide a practical first reference point.

A full version of the Marton Emergency Plan is kept by parish councilors but because some of the information is sensitive it is not more widely publicised (e.g. where specialist machinery is kept and residents with special needs)

Ideally the parish council would hope you can use information contained in this booklet to think ahead and develop your own version of emergency planning.

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## What type of emergency?

### Flooding

#### Before

- Check if you are in danger of flooding by checking the Flood Risk Maps (see pages 8 and 9 for Marton). Also check on the Environment Agency website by entering your postcode on the relevant page (see below)
- Keep all receipts for insurance claims.
- Prepare a flood kit of essential items (see later)
- Have sandbags and sand available
- Protect doorways, low-level air vents and windows with sandbags or black bin liners filled with soil.
- Move as many belongings and much furniture as possible upstairs, or on to higher-level surfaces.
- Turn off gas, water, and electricity.
- Register for information and warnings by calling Floodline 0845 9881188 or [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/floodwarning](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/floodwarning)
- See pages 10+ for additional information

#### During

- Check out your neighbours particularly elderly, infirm or disabled
- Undertake any necessary repairs to prevent damage becoming worse.



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## What type of emergency?

### **Flooding** *(continued)*

#### **After**

- Dealing with the insurance company can be a lot easier if you have already got the paperwork together as advised above. Make the process easier by obtaining a copy of the Environment Agency booklet ***What to do before, during and after a flood*** (see page 11).

### **Extreme Weather** *(snow, gales, etc)*



As in the past in Marton extreme weather can block the road in both directions for more than 24 hours. This disrupt the lives of all villagers but can be especially problematic for stranded drivers. Very cold weather in general could be a serious issue for some people in the village.

#### **Who are the vulnerable?**

e.g.

- Over 75 years old
- Frail
- Pre-existing cardiovascular or respiratory illnesses and other chronic medical conditions
- Severe mental illness
- Dementia
- Learning difficulties
- Arthritis, limited mobility or otherwise at risk of falls
- Young children
- Living in deprived circumstances
- Living in homes with mould

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## What type of emergency?

- Fuel poor (needing to spend 10% or more of household income on heating home)
- Elderly people living on their own

### *How can you be prepared?*

The full Emergency Plan should aim to identify and have plans in place to monitor such individuals. But self help is especially valuable and access to the following items could be of value.

#### ***What kit to have available***

##### ***In the home***

Prepare an emergency self-help kit. It can contain anything you feel will assist you in an emergency. Consider:

- Candles, matches, batteries and a torch and/or Camping Gaz light or oil lamp
- A battery operated/wind-up radio (Do you know how to tune to the local radio station?)
- A stock of food
- A list of useful phone numbers (keep this booklet!)
- A portable camping gas cooker if you rely solely on electricity
- First aid kit with appropriate medication
- This booklet for contacts and advice

##### ***In the car***

- Ample fuel
- De-icer
- A shovel
- A radio and spare batteries
- A torch
- A blanket
- Waterproof clothing, hat scarf and gloves
- Wellington boots
- A thermos with soup or a warm drink
- Plan how to contact relatives especially children if an emergency develops.
- Identify a reunion location if unable to return to home.

Also, keep fly-away item stored out of the way if strong wind is forecast



# **Marton Emergency Plan**

## **How can the Parish Council help?**

### **Co-ordination**

The parish council will be of particular help in dealing with emergencies that affect a large number of people in the village. They will aim to co-ordinate local efforts to mitigate the problems that arise as well as co-ordinate the response of the emergency and essential services.



### **Equipment**

The council has an informal store of some equipment such as a limited supply of sandbags and hi-visibility jackets and emergency blankets that can be made available.

It should be appreciated, however, that sand cannot be supplied in an emergency, so if you have been affected by flooding in the past your own store of sand is essential. (see point 5 page12 for help) Only fill bags when a flood is threatened as chemicals in the sand will damage the bags in the long term.

### **Emergency Rest Centre**

Together with the Village Hall Committee the Parish Council will make the facilities of the hall available in the case of villagers made homeless or strangers trapped by severe weather. If conditions are so bad that the Village Hall is flooded or is inaccessible, (It has never happened in living memory) then the pavilion will be used instead.





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## Help from larger organisations

As well as the emergency services, parish councillors will liaise with the Borough and County Council. Also, when necessary with the Environment Agency, British Telecom, Severn Trent, Electricity and Gas Suppliers.

*Contact information is given on the inside back cover of this booklet.*

### Useful websites

#### Warwickshire County Council



The County Council has a number of sections on its website that allows you to do your own research into developing your own emergency plan.

e.g:

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/prepared](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/prepared)

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/flooding](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/flooding)

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/emergencyresidents](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/emergencyresidents)

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/flooding#floodmap](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/flooding#floodmap)

The general pages for emergency planning can be accessed on **[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/e pu](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/e pu)**

### Useful Contacts

Individual villagers should not hesitate to contact any of the organisations, directly in an emergency. Nevertheless it could be helpful to also inform the parish council of the situation.



**Electricity**

**0800 328 1111**



**Gas**

**0800 111999**

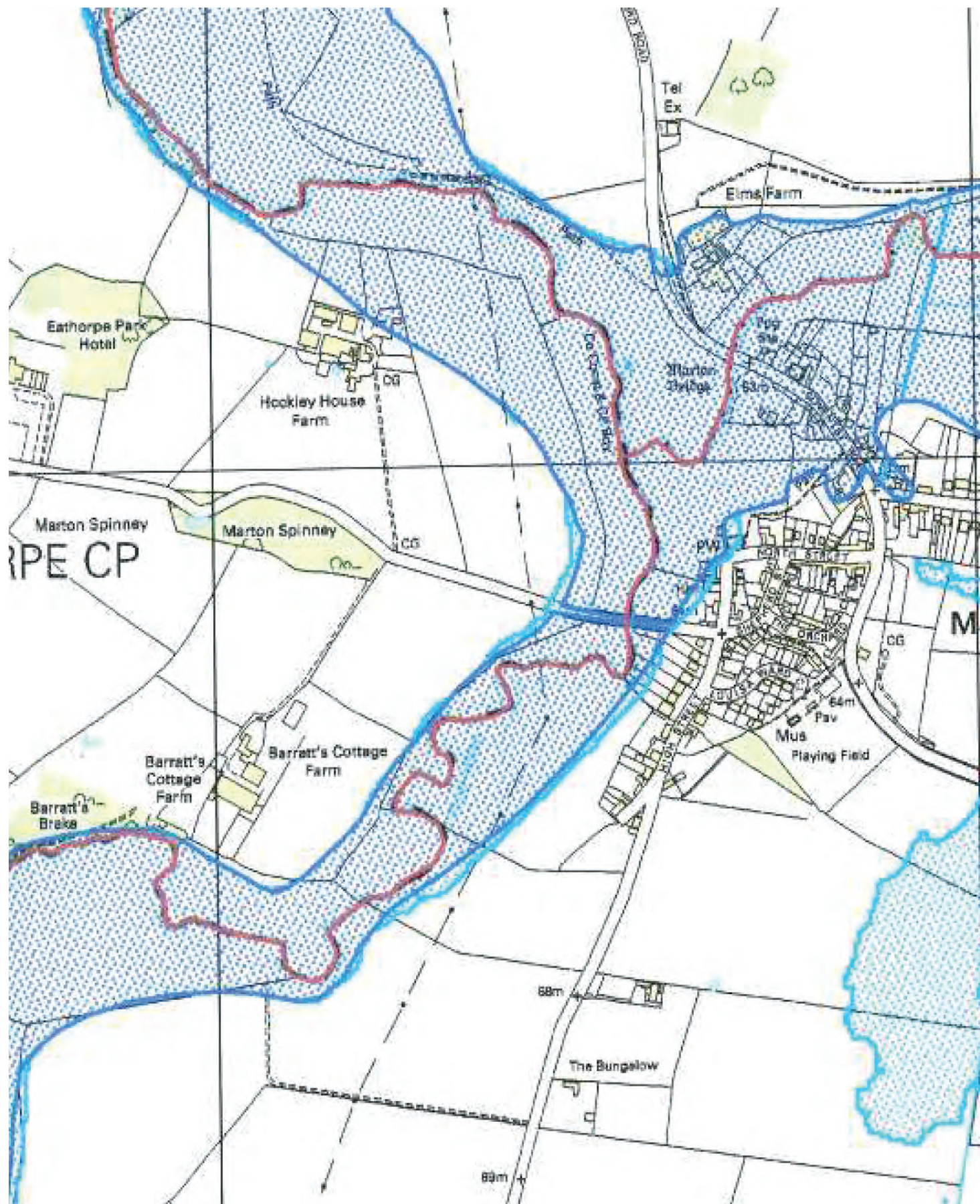


**Water**

**0800 783 4444**

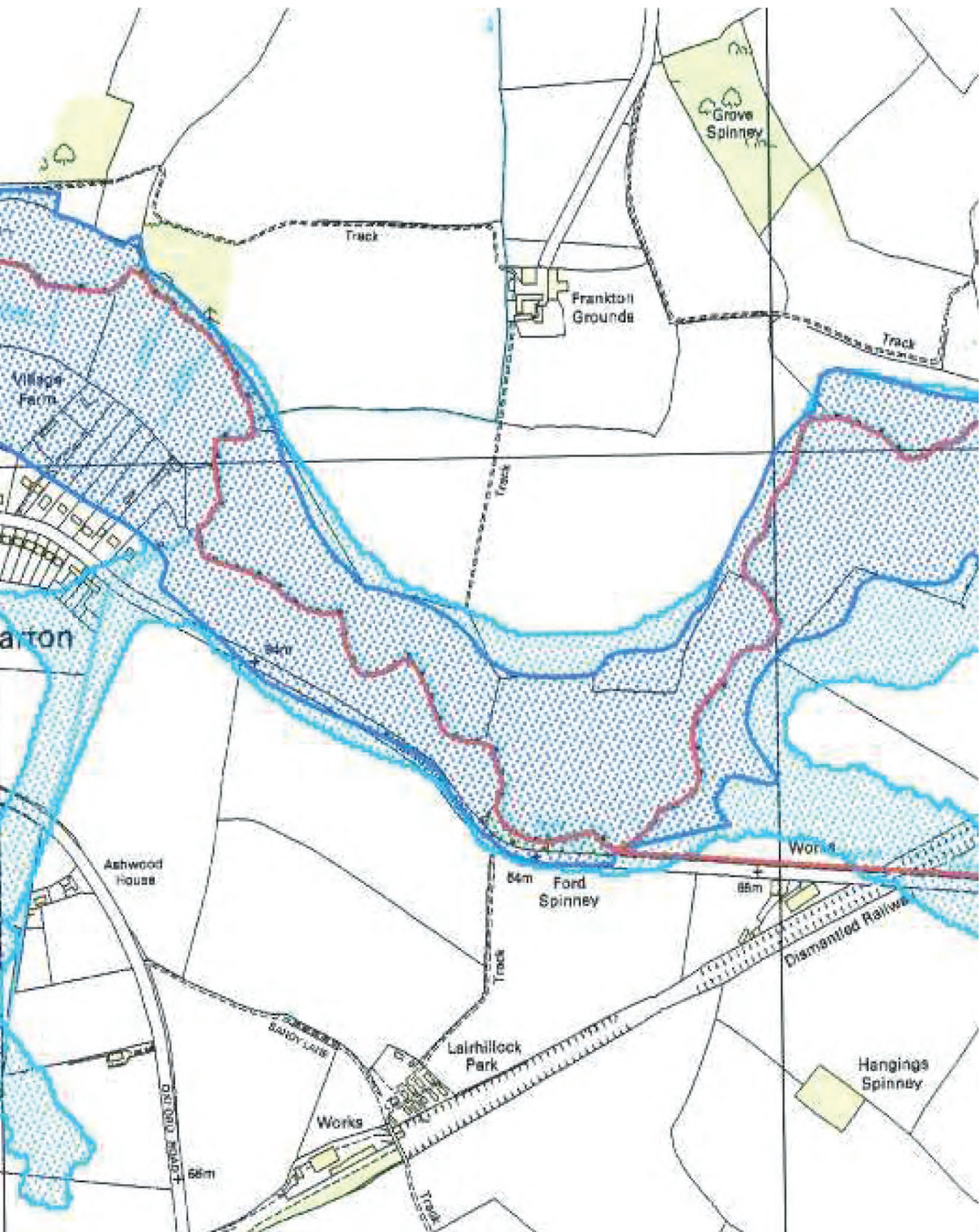
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## Official Marton Flood Map





**Most frequently flooded areas in dark blue**





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## Helping yourself

### Useful literature

#### *'Residents Flood Pack' - Warwickshire County Council*

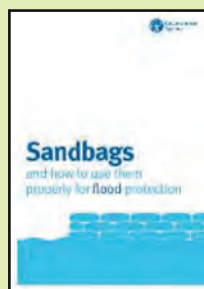
If you have been a victim of flooding or think you might be in the future this document is your first port of call. It is a comprehensive 44 page A4 booklet containing the answers to just about every problem you might have thought about and many more you hadn't. The list of contacts is very thorough including a list of commercial firms that deal with domestic flood prevention. Its advice on insurance is also welcome.

#### ***The Environment Agency***

As you might expect the EA have a useful range of A5 booklets from just a few pages to a maximum of 24. Their titles are self explanatory:



***Living on the edge***



***Sandbags and how to use them properly for flood prevention***



***What to do before during and after a flood***



***Obtaining flood insurance in high risk areas***

Any of these booklets can be ordered for free from the EA Floodline on 0845 988 1188 or can be downloaded from the Environment Agency website **[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)**. It also provides a additional range of information and the opportunity to be put onto their flood early warning system.

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## Flood Risk Extra...

Yet again, in November 2012, Marton has been the victim of flooding such that the waters blocked the main road twice in one week.

This could be regarded as just one part of a pattern of occasional severe flooding seen on a number of occasions during the past century. However, such floods would normally be separated by a couple of decades at a time. But over the last fifteen years there has been three floods resulting in property damage in 2012, 2007 and 1998. There are many measures already mentioned, that are as appropriate to flooding as for any other emergency.

But with flooding being the most frequent of the emergency situations facing the village special note should be taken of the following points, as well as those mentioned on pages 3 and 4.

1. Investigate ways of becoming flooding resilient.
2. Make sure you are on the Environment Agency early warning system.
3. If you have access to the internet keep an eye on the environment agency local website.
4. If you know you are at risk, have a supply of sandbags.
5. Sand can be obtained locally from Goodwin's DIY shop in Southam. (01926 812445).

One ton will fill approximately 20 sandbags. Goodwin's will deliver and prefill if you wish (all at a cost - approximately £35-£40).

6. Keep all your documents for insurance claims etc (and this booklet!!)altogether in a waterproof container, where it can easily be found, but out of harms way.

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## Flood Risk Extra...



1933 Flood, Oxford Road

7. If you have any particular difficulties please get in touch with one of your parish councillors who have access to villagers with specialist skill and equipment via the detailed Village Emergency Plan.
8. After flooding check your drains. If the levels has not gone down within 48 hours contact Severn Trent.
9. Even if you are not personally affected by flooding, be careful about getting in contact with flood water. Although sewage pipes operate in a sealed system there can be no guarantee that there will not be contamination from this source during a flood.



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## Flood Risk Extra...



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### **2012 Flood - Oxford Road**

Sadly we cannot guarantee that the emergency services will be available to help on the day, but with careful preparation we can help to resolve our own problems.

**Marton—a Resilient Community!**

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## Don't forget your Grab Bag!

Here are some suggestions for content (Don't forget other items mentioned on pages 5 and 6):



- Radio +batteries
- Torch
- Pen/pencil/paper (crayons for children)
- First Aid Kit
- Mobile phone charger
- Marton Emergency Plan booklet
- Cereal/chocolate bars
- Antibacterial gel
- Toilet roll
- Toiletries
- Warm/waterproof coat
- Copies of insurance policies/booklets  
(make a habit of storing them in the grab-bag)



# Marton Emergency Plan

## Personal Emergency Information

Please note on this page additional numbers that will be important to you apart from those on the inside cover (such as your insurance company phone number, Policy numbers, any medical information etc)

**Medical Information:** .....

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**My Insurance Information:** .....

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Other: .....

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# Emergency Contacts

## Outside the village

### Emergency Contacts

<b>Gas:</b>	<b>0800 111 999</b>
<b>Water:</b>	<b>0800 7834444</b>
<b>Electricity:</b>	<b>0800 0568090</b>
<b>Floodline:</b>	<b>0845 988 1188</b>
<b>NHS Direct:</b>	<b>0845 4647</b>

### Rugby Borough Council

01788 533533  
[www.rugby.gov.uk](http://www.rugby.gov.uk)

### Warwickshire County Council

01926 410410  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk)

### Warwickshire Police County Headquarters

01926 415000

### Rugby Police Station

01788 541111

### Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service County Headquarters

01926 423231

### Warwickshire Ambulance Service County Headquarters

01926 881331

### Environment Agency Floodline

0845 988 1188

### Emergency (Rivers)

0800 807 060

### Severn Trent Emergencies

0800 783 4444

### Personal Contacts

**Doctor:**

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**Dentist:**

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**Vet:**

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**Family/Friends:**

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