



### Who we are and what we do

The Lympstone Flood Resilience Group (LFRG) is a working group of the Lympstone Parish Council, that engages positively with the relevant Flood Risk Management Authorities. Since our formation in 2017 our objective has been to develop a more coordinated and strategic approach to flood risk management in the village.



### How we respond to the flood risk today

Lympstone remains at risk from tidal, river, surface water and sewer flooding. Our **estuary and inland flood warden teams** monitor flood risks and take 'first line of defence' actions in flood events. These actions include the safe operation of the estuary flood gates, clearing blocked road gullies causing surface water flooding, and, where necessary, **using sandbags and our water**

**pump** to protect properties.

In the last two years, we have worked closely with the Environment Agency to improve existing defences in the village. **The flood retention wall** on the east side of Underhill car park has been rebuilt and strengthened. The highway pooling on Chapel Road has been minimised by **the installation of an automated pump** and the adjacent Brook trash screen is now more effectively monitored by a telemetry linked webcam.



### Staying Safe in a Flood

In the event of a flood, **we must put people before property**, co-operate with the emergency services if told to evacuate the home, and be prepared to act quickly to get to safety.

- Gather essential items together either upstairs or in a high place - have torches, medication and waterproofs to hand
- Fill jugs and saucepans with clean water
- Move your family and pets upstairs or to a high place with a means of escape
- Turn off gas, electricity and water supplies when flood water is about to enter your home, if it is safe to do so
- Do not on any account touch sources of electricity when standing in flood water
- Keep listening to local radio for updates or **call the gov.uk Floodline on 0345 988 1188**

### Need a little more help?

If, for any reason, you are worried about protecting your property in a flood incident, feel vulnerable, **or you have concerns for your own safety, please contact us**. We would aim to provide priority attention. We will manage your personal information sensitively and in confidence. Our contact details are below in the 'contact us' section.





### **Our Partnership and Strategic work**

We have built robust working relationships with the Environment Agency, Devon County Council, East Devon District Council, South West Water plc, West Country Rivers Trust, Lymptone and Woodbury Parish Councils, and local businesses. LFRG and our voluntary flood wardens work with and on behalf of you.

Our **Lymptone Flood Risk Management Project** takes a coordinated and strategic approach to the flood risk in the village. Following a start up period of consultation with the Environment Agency, a hydraulic survey of key watercourses in the catchment was undertaken. A computer model is now being developed which simulates the Wotton Brook and surface water flows in different weather, Estuary, tidal, and Climate Change conditions and over different periods of time. It also takes account of the catchment's soil characteristics and the way the land is being used.

We are confident that the model will deliver a better understanding of the flood risk in the village and that, where needed, intervention measures may be identified for implementation.

Whilst the coronavirus pandemic has slowed the progress of the project, as the model and resilience opportunities mature we will be presenting them and consulting with the village. Our aim is to make Lymptone as flood resilient as possible!

### **Our local Risk Management Authorities, and contact information.**



**Environment Agency**

Environment Agency [Flood warning information](#)

Floodline telephone: 0345 988 1188

Report damage to the natural environment: 0800 80 70 60



Devon County Council [Flood Risk Management](#)

Report Highway flooding or blocked road drains: 0345 1551004



South West Water [Sewer flooding](#)

Report sewer flooding: 0344 3462020

Report a water leak: 0800 230 0561



East Devon [Flood Alleviation](#)

## Useful publications



Preparing for a flood, personal safety: [Red Cross, Prepare for Flooding](#)

Preparing your property for Flooding: [Environment Agency, Property protection](#) or [The Flood Hub, Property Flood Resilience](#)

Flood resources: [Blue Pages](#)

## Contact us

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