

Preston and South Ribble – Newsletter

Flood Risk Management Scheme

March 2019

Welcome to the Spring 2019 edition of the Preston and South Ribble Flood Risk Management Scheme Newsletter. The newsletter will be updated regularly and is to inform our communities about the scheme to get your feedback.

Our flood defences:

Were you aware that the communities in Preston and South Ribble are currently protected by flood defences? Some of these defences were built between the 1920s to the 1980s and are coming to the end of their life?

The Environment Agency and Lancashire County Council have been working with partners to secure funding from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) amongst other sources to pay towards improving these. The scheme will benefit communities in Riversway, Broadgate, Penwortham, Frenchwood, Samlesbury, Walton le Dale and Higher Walton.

What does a ground investigation involve? Find out here

<https://thefloodhub.co.uk/psr/>

The rivers Ribble and Darwen



Ground Investigation:

The Environment Agency are carrying out some ground investigation works in the Riversway, Broadgate and Penwortham areas. There may be some disruption to residents, and you may or may not see much, but we are checking the defences and ground conditions in preparation. Local contractors AEG will have a copy of this newsletter if there are any queries.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Riversway, Broadgate and Penwortham Public drop in event: 27th March 2019

Ground Investigation in and around the Docks, Broadgate and Penwortham on: 25th March 2019 for several weeks

What are the timescales for the scheme?:

Consultation and Drop-in Meetings

Jan - May '19

Detailed scheme Design

Winter '19 - Autumn '20

Approval of scheme design

Summer '21

Construction and Ground Investigation

Spring '19 - Winter '22

What you have told us:

- That you want all partners to understand all sources of flooding, not just the flooding from the rivers.

We are working with Lancashire County Council, Preston City Council, South Ribble Borough Council and United Utilities as well as others such as service providers .

- That you want improvements to the flood defences to be made to improve flood protection in our communities as quickly as possible.

We are working on the scheme currently and some of our funding from Europe means that we have strict timescales to meet.

- That if there are opportunities to improve the environment, in particular green space and river access, that you'd like it improved

Further Information: If you would like some further information please find it here at the FloodHub:

www.thefloodhub.co.uk/psr/

Have a question about this scheme?
E-mail your local team at:

CMBLNC-PSO@environment-agency.gov.uk



January 2019 – Penwortham public drop in event

FAQs

What scale of event affected Preston and South Ribble on Boxing Day 2015?

The event on Boxing Day 2015 was estimated to have a 2.5% chance of occurring in any given year (1 in 40yr) at Samlesbury. It was approximately a 1.3% (1 in 75yr) flood event at Blue Bridge (Walton-Le-Dale).

Can we be sure that the scheme won't increase the flood risk elsewhere?

We cannot increase flood risk elsewhere and we will design the scheme to use the best information available to ensure we provide flood defences to ensure there are no adverse impacts elsewhere.

Tides: How are these taken into account?

Our modelling and flood mapping is used to determine where we require flood defences. Both impacts from the tides and river flooding are taken into account.

Are there any plans for dredging?

The bed of the river at Broadgate is rock and the size of the Ribble Estuary means the volume of material that would need to be dredged to impact flooding would be very large and not cost effective. It would also need to be done frequently.

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