

July 2019

Environment Agency update for the Galgate Community

Since the flooding in November 2017 the Environment Agency have been working with the Galgate Flood Action Group and partners to look at ways to reduce flood risk and ensure the community can be as prepared and resilient as practicable. This document is intended to be a brief summary of some of these activities.

19 December 2017 - Lancaster City District Community Drop-in Event

A drop-in event with the Community and Partner organisations. This event was held at Ellel Village Hall intended to listen to businesses and residents who had flooded across the district and establish key details about the sources of flooding and depths / impacts of flooding within the community. Residents were also invited to register an interest in forming a Flood Action Group and Churchtown Flood Action Group also attended will a stall.

22 January 2018 – Support to set up a Flood Action Group (FLAG) for Galgate

A start-up meeting was held at Ellel Village Hall and attended by Churchtown FLAG and the EA explaining how a Flood Action Group could be set up.

9 July 2019 – Galgate FLAG / EA Meeting

EA attended a meeting with Galgate FLAG and it was agreed that it would be useful to set up a walkover of Galgate with the EA and other partner organisations. The idea of this walkover was to allow the community to highlight key concerns and give accounts of previous flooding.

Other key developments arising from this meeting were:-

- Setting up an information / FAQ sheet for the FLAG
- Production of a grid map so that key issues could be referenced during the walkover
- Setting up of a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to speed up communication between Galgate FLAG and the EA

31 August 2019 – Galgate Walkover

A walkover took place covering key areas of the River Conder and Whitley Beck and issues / concerns were raised by attendees and recorded in an 'Issues & Actions' log.

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Key outcomes and development since this walkover are:-

- Improvements to telemetry (river level monitoring) on the River Conder
- New telemetry site installed and due to go live on Whitley Beck
- Gravel removed from a shoal accumulation
- Working with Lancaster University to link Hazelrigg Rain Gauge to our Warning & Informing System

15 July 2019 – EA update at Galgate FLAG Meeting

EA gave an update to the Galgate FLAG following the results of an 'appraisal' into the feasibility of a new Flood Risk Management Scheme for Galgate. An update on this has distributed separately within the Community.

Other key updates were:-

- Update regarding the launch of www.TheFloodHub.co.uk
- Update on the new Whitley Beck river gauge and potential for a new Flood Warning Area to be created for Galgate
- Opportunities to work with partners such as Lune Rivers Trust to look at Natural Flood Management options.