

Radcliffe and Redvales – Flooding Newsletter

June 2021

Community Drop in's

Due to Covid-19 community drop in sessions have been postponed. We are looking at alternative ways of holding sessions in line with government guidance to ensure all that attend are safe. We have successfully held a number of virtual drop ins via Microsoft Teams. If you have any queries or concerns and would like to make an appointment to speak to the project team, please email FloodResilienceGMMC@environment-agency.gov.uk and we will arrange an appointment and send you a link to access the meeting at a time convenient to you.

Don't worry if you don't have access to Microsoft Teams, just let us know and we will arrange an alternative method.

Project / Flood Scheme update - Phase 1

Phase 1 has reached its target to replace 3 trees for every tree that was removed during construction, 1,564 trees have been planted in total.

Construction of the flood defence is complete in Close Park and Dumers Lane. Landscaping works and final touches are being carried out.



Close Park hedgerow

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Project / Flood Scheme update - Phase 2

Significant progress, throughout the scheme area, has been made over the past two months. The flood defences at Warth Industrial Park have been completed with the tie into Warth Road Bridge and the cedar coping largely finished. The concrete flood wall around Bealey's weir has also been completed.

On the downstream side of Warth Bridge, the precast concrete wall along with the tie into the bridge have also been completed. Reinstatement of the ground on both the wet and dry side of the defence is progressing well. Unfortunately, we have had incidents with trespassers on this section of the construction site. We are looking at measures to prevent access from the bridge to the area behind Central Avenue but in the meantime we would like to remind everyone that it is unsafe to jump the fence or wall to the area behind the defence.

Works along the Capita building and the Chemical Works on York Street have also progressed well. Both sections have either been tied into Hardy's Gate Bridge, or are imminent.

Hardy's Gate Bridge works are expected to start in the coming months with an extension to the road closure likely. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause.



Piling rig working towards Hardy's Gate Bridge



New concrete wall by Bealey's weir



Flood defence from Warth Bridge to the back of Central Avenue

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Bury Council Update

Recent development proposals

The following planning applications in the vicinity of the Radcliffe and Redvales flood defence scheme may be of interest. You can view the applications on the Council's website, www.bury.gov.uk :

- Construction of 201 dwellings at York Street (Ref. 65847)
- Approval has now been given for the construction of 25 dwellings at Morris Street (Ref. 65015)
- Flood defence scheme applications at Lower Hinds (64790), York Street Chemical Works (65171), Hardy's Gate Bridge (65746) and Buckley Wells (65809) have been approved
- Flood defence scheme applications for work at York Street (66353) Hutchinson's Goit (66697) and Bealey's Goit (66459) are still current.

At Lower Hinds, there are plans to include a new community green space and wetland. This will leave behind a more natural floodplain and provide new habitat for a range of wildlife from birds to invertebrates. Planning permission was approved in September 2020, with conditions still to be discharged. However, the extent of these works are dependent on the available funding. Discussions are ongoing to secure funding to complete these wildlife enhancements.

It's worth noting that national and local planning policy is clear that new developments shouldn't be granted planning permission if they would be at risk of flooding – or if they would increase risk of flooding for existing properties. Applications for development in flood risk areas therefore have to demonstrate, through a flood risk assessment report, that they won't increase flood risk.

The Flood Hub

The Flood Hub is your one stop shop for flood advice and information. It is funded by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) and has been developed by Newground and other partner agencies to support communities at risk of flooding across the North West. You can find all the up to date project information along with advice for planning and preparing for floods in the North West, to protect homes, businesses, land and wildlife.

Visit <https://thefloodhub.co.uk/racliffeandredvalesfas/> for information!

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How will we keep you updated and involve you

We will continue to use the Radcliffe Flood Action Group to share information with residents as well as producing more newsletters and holding virtual public drop-in sessions linked to key stages of the project.

We have set up an email address specifically for the Radcliffe and Redvales Flood Risk Management project that can be used for any queries or comments in regards to this project:

RadcliffeRedvales.FRMS@environment-agency.gov.uk If you are outside the flood area and would like to be kept up to date with the Radcliffe and Redvales Flood Risk Management Scheme via e mail, please email floodresiliencgmmc@environment-agency.gov.uk to be added to the mailing list.

If you would like more information about flood risk, you can email:

FloodResilienceGMMC@environment-agency.gov.uk

Visit our website for further information:
<https://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding>

Bury Council's website for flood risk information is:
www.bury.gov.uk/flooding-advice

You can also follow the Environment Agency on Twitter:
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