

Monthly flood risk management meeting – Virtual 11 December 2024

Chair: Herefordshire Council (HC) – Steve Hodges (SH)

Attendees: HC - Charlotte Abbott (CA)

Balfour Beatty (BBLP) - Joel Hockenhull (JH), Lauren Harrison (LH)

Environment Agency (EA) Partnership and Strategic Overview (PSO) – Emily Penning (EP)

ESW RFCC Local Levy Team – Mike Teague (MT).

1. Update on EA led schemes

• Catchment Based Group (CBG)

- **Lugg and Arrow Model Upgrade 2024** (EP) – Jacobs are undertaking a Detailed Model Review which will inform the upgrade of the Lugg, Arrow and Pinsley Brook Model from 2013.
- **Lower Bullingham** (EP & JH) – Bund has been constructed; flow has scoured a secondary channel. Assessment of flood risk to properties from ordinary watercourse and River Wye taking place to identify suitable mitigation options.
- **Ewyas Harold / Dulas Brook** (EP) – PFR project to be taken forward alongside the HC led Natural Flood Management project. Awaiting PFR Framework and package to commence.
- **River Arrow – Lugg and Arrow Weir Impact Assessments** (EP) – Assessments concluded for three weirs on the River Arrow and the next set of assessments have started. The outputs are being used to inform the parallel project called ‘Lugg and Arrow Asset Management Review’.
- **Hampton Bishop** (EP & JH) – BBLP due to carry out installation of Penstock in ditch system during 2024/25. BBLP to engage with landowner regarding access. The EA is awaiting Lugg and Wye model updates (due 2025/26).
- **Eardisland** (EP) – Detailed design surveys and structural surveys have been completed on most properties in the project, with four waiting until the new year, at the residents’ request. In January 2025 the EA will progress with planning applications and listed building consent applications. The EA is aiming for a completion date of July 2025, providing all external factors don’t affect progress.
- **Greyfriars** (TC) – Meeting to be held with residents to discuss the project updates (date TBC).
- **Bishops Frome PFR** (EP) - Being incorporated into Herefordshire PFR package commencing in 2024/25. Awaiting PFR Framework mobilising.
- **Cusop/Dulas Brook** (EP) – Being incorporated into Herefordshire PFR package commencing in 2024/25. Awaiting PFR Framework mobilising. The community are interested in flood resilience measures which are not currently funded by Environment Agency Grant in Aid (GiA). Alternative funding sources being explored.
- **Ross on Wye** (EP & SH) – Awaiting Wye model (expected 2025/26). Further investigations following recent flood events in Ross has delayed publishing of S19 Report. HC met the local members and shared S19 report. Awaiting feedback from Welsh Water. Report to then be finalised and published.

2. Update on HC led schemes

- **Brimfield, Orleton and Little Hereford PFR** (LH) – Update meeting has been held with Lakeside. Installation dates for 6 properties confirmed and communicated with residents for Feb/March 2025. Survey works now progressing with next batch of properties. Revised cost to be received following outcome of survey works.
- **Kymin Brook** (JH) – FCERM7 form to be completed ahead of April 2025 for early submission. There may be budget limitations. No further update.
- **Lyde** (JH) – January start date now proposed. Date needs to be confirmed and residents to be informed.
- **Wellington Brook** (JH & SH) – Report issued to HC. Once reviewed, need to engage with community.
- **Yazor Brook Culverts** (JH) – Manholes lifted during road closure for resurfacing. One manhole identified for potential access on Friars Street. Determine if cover needs replacing.
- **Eardisley** (JH) – WSP have task order, need to allocate staff, start date TBC. Meeting needed regarding communication with Parish Council.
- **Hoarwithy** (LH) – Award letter received. Works to be completed in 2025-26.
- **HC NFM update** (SH) – The Autumn 2024 NFM Newsletter was published on 19 November. The project's webpages have been reviewed and updated. The team have drafted best practice guidance relating to the delivery of OM4 habitat and watercourse creation/enhancement targets.

3. Completed schemes

- **Leintwardine and Walford PFR** (SW) – All installations have been completed, with the exception of one which required more precise measuring for a flood door (required a specific tool to do so). Wet testing was undertaken on 8 July and the PIAs (Post installation audits) are currently in progress. EA is working to sign off on the installations to complete the project.
- **River Arrow – Lugg and Arrow Asset Management Review** (EP) – EA Asset Performance have worked closely with consultants to review the assets within the Lugg and Arrow catchments to inform future management plans. This project has now been completed.

4. Any Other Business

- **Full Council** – A motion on flooding and drainage was made and carried unanimously at last month's [meeting](#). All Member Summits on Flooding & Drainage were held on 24 October and following these, we asked Members to provide detailed feedback, and we are currently collating this information.
- **Flood events** – These are becoming more and more of an issue for HC. So far during 2024 there have been four flood events (January, May, September, October, November, December). For this year's flood events alone, over 20 Flood Investigation Reports will be required.

5. Date of future meeting

- Wednesday 22 January 2025 – in person at Rotherwas.