

Skinningrove Flood Alleviation Scheme

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Welcome

This newsletter has been sent to residents at Skinningrove to provide information about the Skinningrove Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS). We welcome any questions you may have using the contact details at the end of the newsletter

Multi-Agency Flooding Response

Please be assured that we are taking a multi-agency approach to identify and address the cause of flooding at Chapel Street, High Street and Zetland Row on 13–14th July. On this occasion the flooding did not originate from the beck, but flood gates were closed as a precaution.

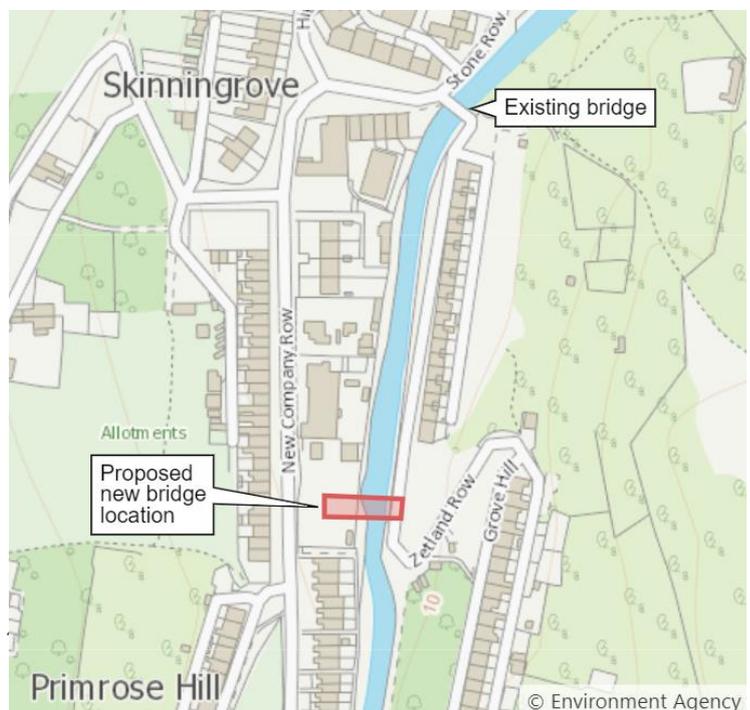
The flooding at Zetland Row was due to the failure of an old stone culvert, or drainage tunnel, below Grove Hill. This culvert carries water from the fields behind Grove Hill to the beck. Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council will be undertaking a CCTV survey of the culvert to understand its current condition and operational effectiveness. Land ownership is being established so that the appropriate repairs can be made.

Skinningrove Flood Alleviation Scheme Update

We are pleased to announce that we are moving forward with plans to reduce the risk of flooding from Skinningrove Beck.

The community has told us that closing and re-opening the flood gates at Stone Row is an issue for residents. We have listened to your feedback and have strived to provide a permanent solution to vehicle access on Zetland Row and Grove Hill, whilst providing peace of mind to the community.

We propose to remove the flood gates, bridge and parapets at Stone Row and close the gap in the flood wall. A new bridge would be constructed between New Company Row and Zetland Row, above the height of the flood walls at the Riverside Building car park (right). We will be working closely with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council to deliver the scheme throughout the design, construction and maintenance phases.



Proposed Zetland Row bridge location INDICATIVE ONLY

In addition to the works in Skinningrove village, we also propose to build a new log catcher down stream of its current location. This will capture more debris, in a bid to reduce the risk of blockage and flooding within the village.

What's Next?

We now have permission to move into the design stage of the project and hope to share further information with you at a community event this autumn. We will be in touch closer to the time with an invitation.

Flood Resilience

We recently met with the Flood Warden for Skinningrove to discuss our operational arrangements for responding to flood events and operating Environment Agency assets.

Flood Wardens have a very important role in warning and informing the community in the lead up to, during and after flood events, as well as communicating with our operational teams. The operation of our assets is the responsibility of the Environment Agency. This involves the mechanical opening and closure of flood gates and the electrical operation of the bridge parapets to prevent flooding from Skinningrove Beck. The Environment Agency hold the keys, relevant training, operating manuals and contingency plans associated with these assets.

We understand that there have been queries around Environment Agency response times for Skinningrove, and acknowledging the rapid responding nature of the catchment, we have increased our operational resources to provide improved resilience at this location. We hope that this offers reassurance to the community that we are committed to having staff appropriately placed to respond quickly to operate our assets.

Prepare

To keep informed of future flooding events, you can sign up to the free Flood Warning Service on the following Government website and choose how you receive alerts:
www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings

Create a Personal Flood Plan and pack a grab bag with essentials.
Visit www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding/future-flooding

Flood Protection

Look to install flood protection products or speak to your landlord about doing so.
Visit www.bluepages.org.uk

Insurance

Make sure that you have the right level of insurance cover needed, including building and contents insurance. Visit www.floodre.co.uk

Weather

Regularly check for weather updates. Visit www.metoffice.gov.uk

For any further questions or advice on property level protection please contact the Flood Resilience Team at engagement_northeast@environment-agency.gov.uk

If you have any questions or would like further information about the scheme, please contact the Flood and Coastal Risk Management Team at: skinningrovetas@environment-agency.gov.uk