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Find out more about how we have worked with communities this year, engagement events, and our plans for 2025.



Welcome



Hi everyone. I'm Jon Mansbridge, Project Director for the Guildford Flood Alleviation Scheme, and I would like to welcome you to our December newsletter.

I want to start by saying I am incredibly proud of everything our team has achieved this year and want to thank all of you who have engaged with the project, either at one of our engagement events, or through contacting us directly.

We remain committed to increasing climate resilience within Guildford, and I am excited to work closely with the community as the project progresses. Please read on to find out more about what we have planned.

This year, we gained valuable insight into the needs and thoughts of the Guildford community through our feedback survey. We thank you for your views. We have been working to incorporate these into our scheme design wherever we can.

Ahead of winter, I encourage you to learn more about your personal flood risk and take action to ensure you and your loved ones have an action plan in case flooding happens. If you haven't already, [please sign up for flood warnings here](#) and stay tuned on our social media to find out what you can do to better protect yourself from flooding.

If you have any questions, you can contact us at Guildfordfloodscheme@environment-agency.gov.uk



Jon Mansbridge,
Project Director

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Public engagement



Throughout 2024, we have run several events and engagement activities. Here's a look back on the past year...



On Thursday 18 April, we invited the public to come and find out more about plans to better protect Guildford from flooding. We displayed maps of flood zones, shared ideas from some of the other Environment Agency schemes and had staff on hand to answer questions. It was well attended, with over 120 of you stopping by.

Throughout the summer holidays, we attended family fun sessions at Dapdune Wharf National Trust, complete with Lego 'flood defence' sets and our popular flood tank. Many families attended and children were excited to learn more about the dangers of flooding and how we might prevent it.



In the autumn, we supported the Environment Agency's flood resilience team at an event to increase flood risk awareness and help people better prepare for flooding. You may also have seen us testing our temporary defences. This is standard practice to check all of the equipment is working properly, and ensure our staff are fully trained on deploying the defences.

You're invited!



In early 2025, we will be holding more public engagement events to let you know about the work we have been doing and how the design of the scheme is progressing.

Please come along to our event on
Saturday 22 February 2025 from **12pm to 5pm.**

This will be a drop in event, so please feel free to arrive at any time between 12pm and 5pm.

It will be held at

The Electric Theatre, Onslow Street, GU1 4SZ

We will also be running an online event from 7:30pm to 8:30pm on Wednesday 26 February 2025.

You can find out more details on our [website](#).

Electric Theatre
Saturday 22 February
from 12pm to 5pm

Meet the team
Find out more
Share your views

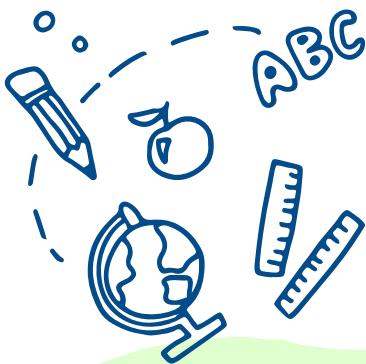


What else are we doing?



In **January**, look out for scheme posters and stands at Guildford Library, Guildford Spectrum, and The Hive, where we will be displaying posters advertising our public event. We will also be attending an event for children at Guildford Library.

In **February**, we will be out and about promoting our public events at Guildford farmers market, and we will also be promoting our feedback survey for people to tell us more about how they feel about the scheme and to help inform design as the scheme progresses.



As we move into spring and summer, we will be visiting local primary schools, where members of our team will talk about the scheme and how flooding happens.

Invite us along!

If you are a member of a local group, please let us know if you would like a session with some team members to talk more about the scheme and the risk of flooding. If you are interested, please contact us at Guildfordfloodscheme@environment-agency.gov.uk

Staying safe this winter



PROTECT YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS



Sign up for free flood warnings by phone, text or email

Floodline 0345 988 1188

www.gov.uk/floodsdestroy



FLOOD ALERT

Flooding is possible
Be prepared

- Be prepared to act on your flood plan
- Prepare a flood kit
- Monitor water levels and flood forecast



FLOOD WARNING

Flooding is expected
Immediate action required

- Move family, pets and valuables to a safe place
- Turn off utilities if safe to do so
- Put flood protection equipment in place



SEVERE FLOOD WARNING

Severe flooding
Danger to life

- Stay in a safe place with a means of escape
- Be ready to evacuate
- Co-operate with the emergency services

Get in touch!

If you would like us to visit your community group, school, or business, please write to us at guildfordfloodscheme@environment-agency.gov.uk

We are keen to share the work we are doing and how you can get involved.



Happy Holidays
from the
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