



We are dedicated to better protecting Tadcaster from the risk of flooding.

The aim of this newsletter is to update you on our progress with the scheme and inform you of upcoming public events.

Introduction & Welcome

Tadcaster FAS

Following the devastating 2015 floods, the Environment Agency has been working with the town and local MP to develop a new flood alleviation scheme. This has been supported by many stakeholders including York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership, North Yorkshire County Council, Tadcaster Town Council, the local MPs office, Tadcaster Flood Action Group and the community.



In November 2019 we hosted a drop-in event at The Barn where we welcomed the news of funding for the scheme from the LEP and the Government, introduced ourselves and began the process of engaging with you, the community. We want you to be a part of this scheme going forward.

There is a lot to be done between now and the implementation of a solution. Success will not only be a scheme that better protects the town, its residents and businesses but one that enhances the town. Success will be a scheme that is accepted by Tadcaster and the surrounding communities and we hope that you will help shape its delivery.

Covid-19

We are continuing work to better protect properties in Tadcaster from the risk of flooding

As an organisation we are doing everything we can to support our communities, our government and the NHS by abiding by the measures set by the government during the Covid-19 outbreak. Our priority in these difficult times is the health, safety and wellbeing of residents and staff.

As a team we continue to work from home, and have the systems in place to support this. We will continue to monitor the team mailbox and respond to correspondence where possible; as well as liaising with the Town Council and Flood Action Group.

As we can no longer hold public events at this time, we are looking at alternative arrangements to ensure that we can maintain our engagement with you.

Please be assured that we are doing all we can to ensure work continues and that delays caused by the knock-on effects of this pandemic are kept to an absolute minimum.



River Wharfe 2020 Tadcaster – by David Lindsay

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Get in touch to find out how we are working to better protect Tadcaster from the risk of flooding

Progress to date

Project Update

So what has been happening since our initial community drop-in at The Barn in November 2019?

- **Consultants** – We have now formally signed contracts with our delivery partners, ARUP & Partners Ltd, who have been appointed through our national framework. We have worked with them on other large schemes in the region such as the Leeds FAS and Skipton FAS. They will be working in partnership with Jacobs Ltd to deliver the options appraisal for Tadcaster FAS. Examples of which will be provided via social media;
- **Tadcaster Community Client Group**
We have set up this group to provide representation on the project for the town. We are working together so that the town has its voice heard, feels listened to and responded to. The group will also disseminate and collate information through their networks. The group is made up of members of:-
 - Tadcaster Town Council;
 - MP's Office;
 - Tadcaster Flood Action Group;
 - Tadcaster Flood Prevention Group;
 - Tadcaster Businesses;
 - Tadcaster Residents (East and West);
 - Tadcaster Medical Centre;
 - Tadcaster Albion AFC;
 - Tadcaster Angling Association;
 - Tadcaster Historical Society;
 - Selby District Council;
 - North Yorkshire County Council; and
 - Environment Agency.
- We have placed suggestion boxes around the town – many thanks for all your comments;
- We have issued newsletters and updates via Tadcaster Today, TFAG and the Town Council;
- We have launched our Facebook page @TadcasterFloodScheme;
- Our consultants have undertaken hydrological and hydraulic modelling; as well as Environmental and Ecological appraisals of the river, the surrounding area and its habitats;
- We have continued to liaise with key community stakeholders; and
- The options appraisal has begun and your feedback is part of this. Watch this space for the short list of options!!!

What's next?

The coming months

Our plan is to go live with the short list of options in July. We will be asking you to review and comment on these. However, as previously stated, we will not be able to consult with you face-to-face.

Solutions already part of the scheme and those being established include:-

- Designing visualisations – 3D and aerial representations of the options will be available online;
- Establishing an online presence to share this information and gather feedback – Facebook, Citizen Space page;
- Designing a virtual online drop-in facility that will enable you to 'visit' one of our engagement events anytime of the day or night without having to leave your home;
- Making E-newsletters available via social media and emailed out to our distribution group; and
- Writing detailed responses to some of the frequently asked questions that we receive – including dredging and transfer of flood risk.

Once safe to do so we will look to provide town centre information points including noticeboards and monitors in shop windows. Our main aim is to have an information hub set up for you to call in to.

Over the coming weeks you may begin to see an increase in the presence of project staff around the town and the river working to strict social distancing rules. Please respect these rules as we go forward. We will endeavour to keep you all in the loop as to what is ongoing and when.



Stay Informed

Sign up for project updates

To be kept up to date on all of this please sign up to our project email updates via tadcasterfas@environment-agency.gov.uk or follow us via our Facebook page @TadcasterFloodScheme.



If you are already registered to the Floodline Warning Service, again please check if your details need updating by visiting

www.fws.environment-agency.gov.uk/app/olr/login

Tadcaster Flood Action Group also provide an excellent local service. Please take the time, if you haven't already done so, to sign up for their system which is linked to our incident response. You can do this by visiting

www.tadcasterfloodaction.org or
www.facebook.com/Tadflood

Stay Prepared

Flood Warning Service

February's storms and high river levels showed the excellent level of awareness and preparedness there is in the community. This is something that will need to continue.

Please continue to be prepared and resilient towards flooding by signing up to receive advanced warnings of flooding. Register by calling Floodline 0345 988 1188, or visiting www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings



You can also download and keep a copy of our guide to the meaning of a flood alert and a flood warning for Tadcaster by visiting

www.tadcasterfloodaction.org/what-we-do

Remember that even homes and businesses which are protected by flood defences are still at risk of flooding. Our free flood warning service provides up-to-date information about flood risk straight to your landline, mobile and/or email.

Thank you very much for taking your time to read this newsletter.

Please continue to look after yourselves and your families, stay safe and we look forward to meeting many of you once circumstances allow.

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