

Puddletown Area Parish Council

Volunteer Flood Warden required

Puddletown Area Parish Council is looking for one or more volunteers to fulfil the role of Flood Warden in the Parishes of Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Burleston and Athelhampton. One person could cover all areas or there could be a team of two or more people working together, perhaps assigned to the individual parishes.

What would I have to do?

Flood wardens are a first point of contact for residents during a flood event and give advice and information during dry periods. They are also the local response co-ordinators during times of flooding and are a conduit for dispensing information from the Environment Agency and emergency services to local residents, and vice-versa.

An essential part of this role is the production of the community flood plan, which outlines what communities are to do in the event of a flood (full support provided to produce this).

The role complements the role of the emergency services but does not replace it. You would never be expected to put yourself in any danger.

What support would I get?

You would be appointed by the Parish Council and covered under their public liability insurance. You would receive advice, regular updates and training from the Environment Agency and be able to contact them for any other support that you may need.

Who can be a Flood Warden?

Anyone who is interested can become a flood warden but ideally they should be:

- Reasonably fit and able to notify neighbours
- At home during the day or working close to home
- A good communicator, able to explain and pass on information
- Interested in the local area and the river environment
- Ideally not at a high risk of flooding themselves

Any person interested in becoming a Flood Warden should contact the Parish Council Clerk, Anna Bendall, by phone 01305 849596 or e-mail puddletown@dorset-aptc.gov.uk for more information.