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Dear Local Resident

Bodmin Flood Group

The centre of Bodmin is in a deep valley and throughout its history has been vulnerable to flooding. A programme of improvement works to the town's leat and flood defence measures initiated 12 years ago made a significant contribution to mitigate instances of flooding in the town.

However, there have still been instances of flooding in the town including at least two in the last 12 months. With weather becoming more extreme probably as a result of ongoing climate change parts of the town remain at risk. There are plans by the emergency services to combat large scale flooding in Bodmin but there is a recognition that they don't have the resources to deal with every incident especially if there more serious incidents in neighbouring towns.

The Town Council, the Environment Agency and Cornwall Council have been working on a plan to assist residents to be more aware of the risks and what can be done to minimise impacts. To be effective this requires volunteers who will agree to receive warnings, notify neighbours when there is a flood risk and report problems like blocked drains to the appropriate authorities. In Bodmin where flooding is more likely to happen very quickly, volunteers need to live in relatively close proximity to areas at risk.

We are therefore arranging a public meeting to:

- look at and improve the plan;
- see whether there are volunteers prepared to come forward in an assist role

Meeting details

You are receiving an invitation because you live in or near areas where there has been flooding in the past.

The initial meeting of the Bodmin Flood Management Plan will be held at **7.00 p.m. on Thursday 23 January 2014 in the Shire House Suite, Bodmin**

We hope you are able to attend.

If you cannot attend but have any comments or would like more information please contact Stephen Facer, Deputy Chief Executive, Bodmin Town Council via telephone number 01208 76616 or by e-mail stephen.facer@bodmin.gov.uk

A copy of the Environment Agency's *'What to do before, during and after a flood'* leaflet which offers practical advice on what to do to protect yourself and your property is enclosed with this letter, which you may find of interest.

Further information is also available from the Cornwall Community Flood Forum via the Cornwall Council website <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=31852>

Your kind assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Phil Kerridge
Deputy Coordinator, Bodmin Flood Group