

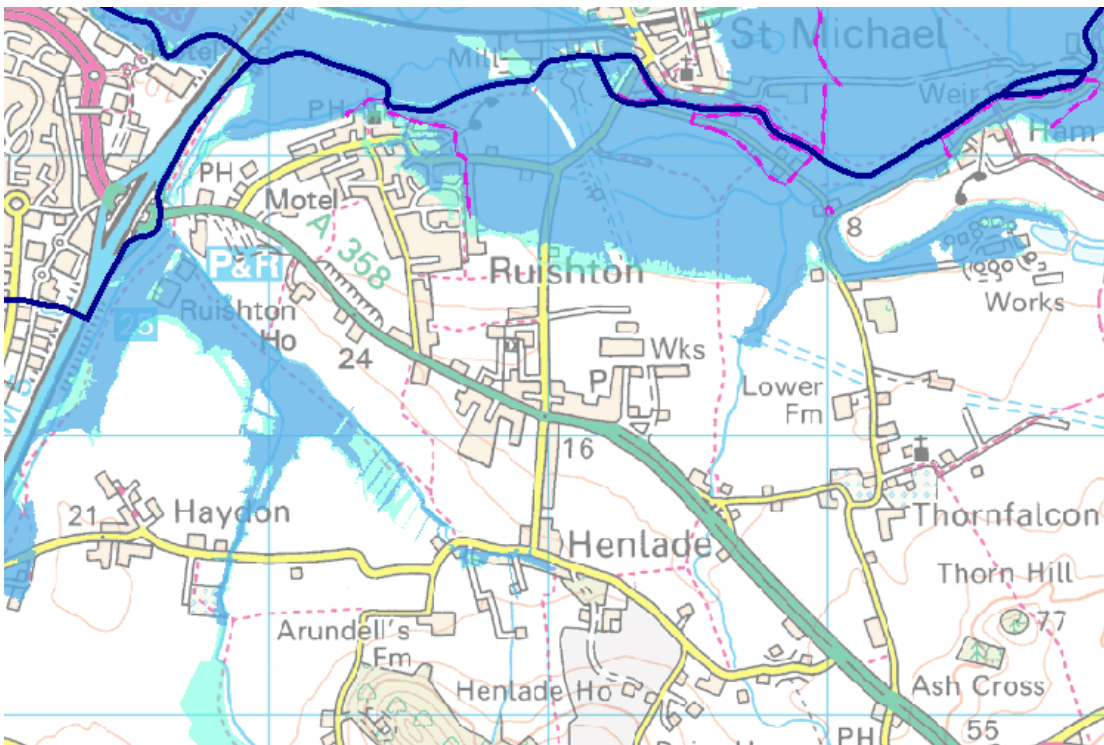
# **Ruishton, Henlade Website Flood Action Plan March 2014**

## **Introduction**

Following the extreme flooding Ruishton suffered during 2012/13 (which made the national press) a community flood action plan has been devised  
Flooding has become more extreme since 2000

## **Members and Responsibilities**

(Disclaimer. The actions we all take to look after ourselves and neighbours in Ruishton, Henlade and Thornfalcon are those of voluntary helpers. As such, no individual or group can accept any legal responsibility for our genuine actions before, during or after flooding. We are organising to help one another but the ultimate responsibility lies with individual householders.)



**Flood map from the Environment Agency**

## **Areas affected 2012**

### **Ruishton Village**

Cheats Road from Martins to Lipe Lane  
Dinhams Bungalows,  
White Cottages  
Moss Lane  
Church lane  
Junction Overlands/ Cheats Road  
Junction Lawn Meadow/ Cheats Road  
Carpenters Close  
Village Hall  
Gordans  
Bushy Cross Lane passed Alexevia Park Homes  
Riverside, Glebe Fields, Recreation Field  
Lipe Lane from Stearts Cottages to Ham Road

### **Lower Henlade**

From east of Mount Somerset driveway to Stoke St Mary turn off  
Stoke Road  
Stones Lane  
Bridge House Cottage and Foxhound Cottage, Stoke Road

### **A358 Main Road impassable in 2 places 2012**

Flooded opposite Henlade Post Office  
Outside Park and Ride

### **Only route in 2012 out from Ruishton Village was via Ruishton Lane**

Bushy Cross Lane was blocked  
Cheats Road and Lipe Lane were impassable

### **Emergency Contacts**

Emergency Services (if life is at risk)	999
Police (non-emergency)	101
floodinginsomerset@avonandsomerset.co.uk	
Environment Agency - Floodline	0845 988 1188
Environment Agency	03708 506 506
Wessex Water	0845 600 4600
Somerset Highways	0845345 9155
Sewage floodline	0845 850 5959
Flood Protection Association	033 33 23 87 01
National Flood Forum	01299 403 055
Somerset Civil Contingencies Unit	0845 345 9188
Somerset Drainage Boards	01278 78990

## **Information for Residents**

### **Before a Flood**

#### **Please read your copy of Somerset Flood Guide**

In particular your attention is drawn to:

- Making a family flood plan,
- What to do when you hear a flood warning and
- Staying safe in a Flood.

#### **There is important information in the Flood Guide for families to read, take action and keep.**

#### **Prevention / Protection of property**

The types of actions that can be taken include:

- Flood resistant barriers for doors and windows
- Air brick covers
- Non-return valves on pipes
- Pump and sump systems to extract flood water
- Raising of thresholds
- Low bunds and walls
- Outside wall renders and water resistant facing
- Raising electrical sockets and white goods out of flood levels
  - Move important documents i.e passports, insurance documents upstairs or in a high cupboard
  - Make decisions about pets
  - Torch, batteries, mobile phone ready charged
  - Prescription medicines easily accessible
  - Camera to photo damage
  - Bottled water
  - Cash
  - Wellington boots
  - Plastic gloves

### **During a flood**

#### **In an emergency evacuate property If unable to do so phone 999**

Turn off Gas , Electricity, Water

Put plastic bags filled with sand or earth in WC pans, bath/ shower outlets and block sink outlets to prevent sewage entering

### **Sandbags**

Filled sandbags are available from TDBC 01823 356356  
Hydrosnakes and Hydrosacks are a useful flood prevention device instead of sandbags to keep in the garage for emergencies (available from Homebase or Ebay)

### **Early Warning**

M Skeggs to alert Co ordinators, VC and Chairman plus  
Dinhams vulnerable residents

J Courtney and C Robertson phone EA and WW for pumps etc

G Ellis, R Powell, R Mycock warn S Burt and Lower Henlade  
residents

### **Emergency parking and Accommodation**

**The Ruishton Inn** 01823 442285

Caroline and Malcolm are happy for flooded residents to use the car park providing they leave their contact info and are considerate by leaving room for customers to park. The pub can also be used as an emergency centre for warmth and shelter for flood victims - hopefully this will not be needed

**Bushy Cross Nursery in** Ruishton has also offered use of the nursery including toilets, kitchen, washer, dryers, warmth and shelter in emergency Sandra Evans 01823 442476 Key with Becky Widdecombe

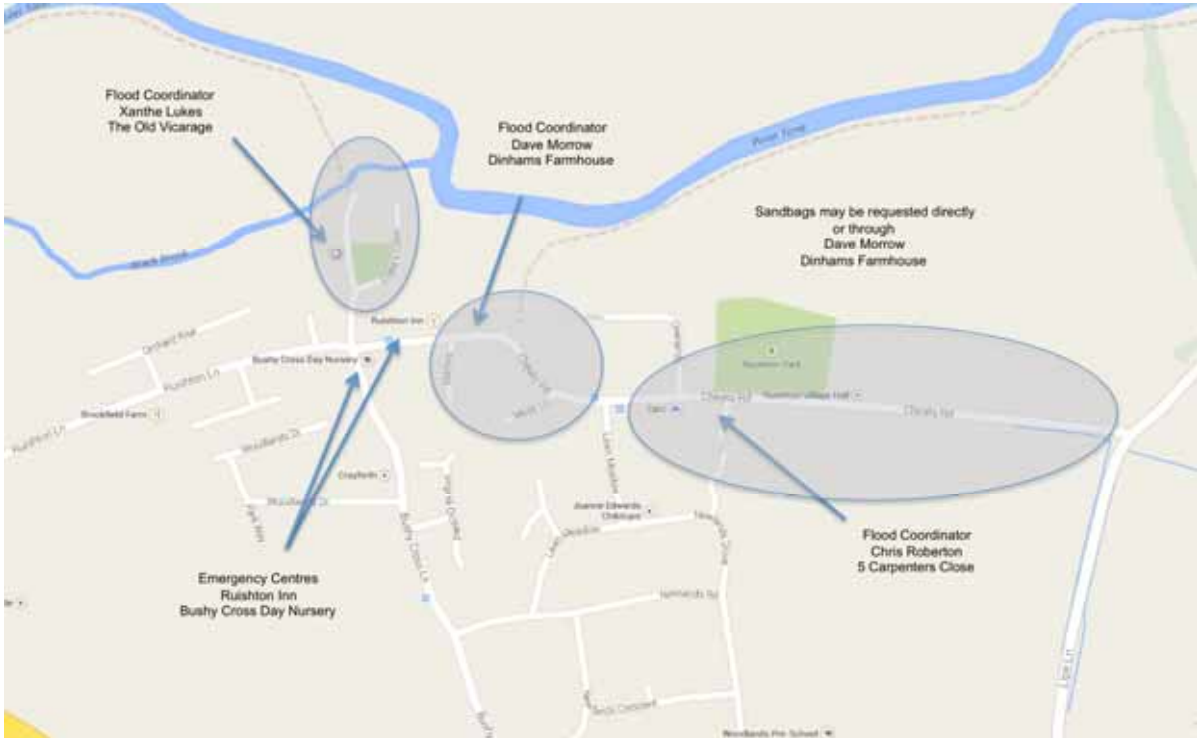
**4X4 vehicle** available L Goldstone

**Boats available** R Pullen , D Morrow

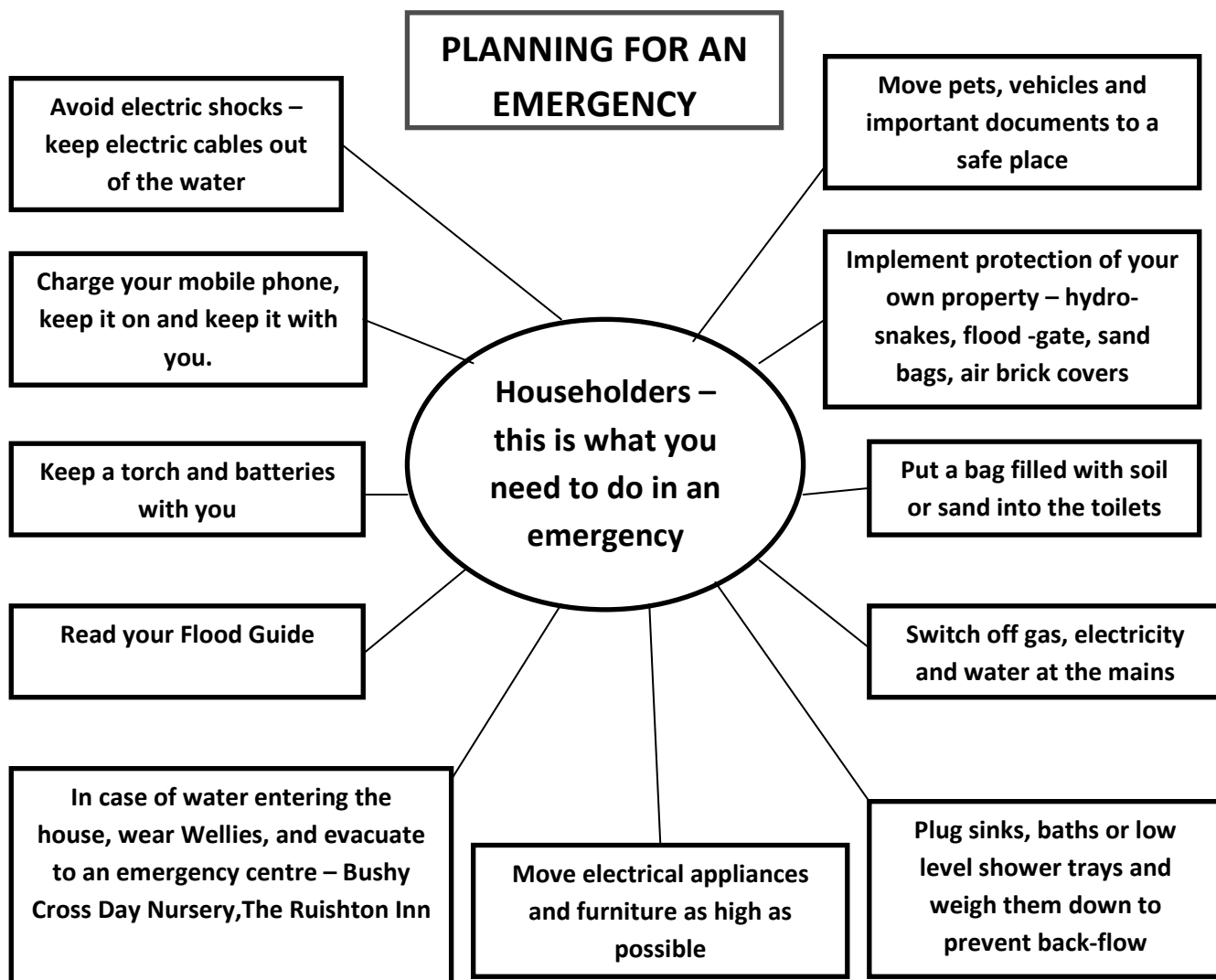
Residents should be aware that road closures will be requested only for stretches of road where people or property are at risk. This does not imply that other roads which are not closed are safe to drive through.

# RUISHTON FLOOD PLAN 2014

Ruishton Flood Committee Chairman – Karen Goldstone 01823 442795



Thanks to Rod & Kim Salmine, Mail Boxes Etc, Bridge St, Taunton



**NOW YOU NEED TO DECIDE HOW YOU WILL TAKE ACTION IN YOUR OWN HOME IN A FLOOD EMERGENCY**



**Using the Emergency Planning Guide above , write the actions you will need to take in your own home, in the boxes below :-**

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**

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## **Ruishton Flood Committee Members**

Karen Goldstone Len Goldstone	Chairman, Parish Councillor Helper 4 The Grove
Andrew Lukes Xanthe Lukes	Vice Chairman Co coordinator, Road Closure Old Vicarage Church Lane
David Morrow Sheena Morrow	Co coordinator Treasurer Dinhams Farmhouse, Cheats Road
Jane Sparkes Michael Sparkes	Co coordinator Thornfalcon Local support Hairlines Cheats Rd
Mavis Skeggs Ken Skeggs	Flood Warden Local support Maythorn, Cheats Road
Sue Sherry	Liaison North Curry, Protection Church Lane Seaton Cottage, Church Lane
Becky Widdicombe	Protection Church Lane The Green House, Church Lane
Stephen Hottinger	Local support 2 Drakes Close
Jo Courtney	Early Warning, Local support 2 Overlands
Chris Roberton	Early warning, Co ordinator 5 Carpenters Close

## **Lower Henlade**

Gill Ellis Roger Pullen	Co ordinator, Road Closure Local support Musgrave House
Robert Powell	Police Liaison, Road closure Toad Hall
George Anderdon	Parish Councillor The Clock House, Stoke Hill
Shirley Cozens	Local support Stepley
Mike Westlake	Local support The Spinney
Roger Mycock	Local support Foxhound Cottage, Stoke Road