

Forums – groups of groups

**"Never be afraid to try something new.
Remember, amateurs built the ark. Professionals
built the Titanic." ~ *Anonymous*.**

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Introduction – 17th - 18th November 2010

Overnight in excess
60mm of rain falls
in mid-Cornwall



Flood Recovery Groups

- **Established 4 months after the flood event**
 - by Cornwall Council and Environment Agency
 - at the request of the community
- **Multi-agency steering group includes:**
 - Cornwall Council, Environment Agency, South West Water, Local Councils, Community Groups and businesses
- **Meetings every 6 weeks**
- **Enabled community engagement in the recovery process**
 - provided a valve to 'let off steam'!
- **Focused on investment in flood infrastructure**



Cornwall Community Flood Forum

- **Developed from the multi-agency recovery groups**
 - To retain knowledge and share resources between communities
 - Recognised the value of getting the community, local councils and statutory organisations together
- **Constitution drawn up for an 'Association' in Oct 2011**
 - Bank Account opened Jan 2012
 - Free membership - Full, Associated or Affiliated
 - 47 town/parish councils, flood groups & individuals registered as members
- **Management board established with representatives from:**
 - Cornwall Council, Environment Agency, South West Water, Volunteer Cornwall, Climate Vision, Town and Parish Councils, Cornwall Councillors
 - First conference Sep 2012, subsequent conference Oct 2013
- **CCFF aims:**
 - **Support communities in becoming better prepared**
 - **Raise flood awareness within Cornwall**
 - **Promote partnership approach to flood risk management**



Cornwall Community Flood Forum



Financial support from

- Cornwall Council
- UK Flood Barriers
- South West Water



Wider support from

- Cabinet Office
- Local Resilience Forum
- Environment Agency



First Project

- £10K 'Awards for All' funding to provide basic personal protective equipment, basic training, road signs, hi tech sandbags, storage units

Second Project

- £238K Defra Community Flood Resilience Pathfinder project with Cornwall Council



Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

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Website - Hosted by Cornwall Council



About us



Home and business



Communities

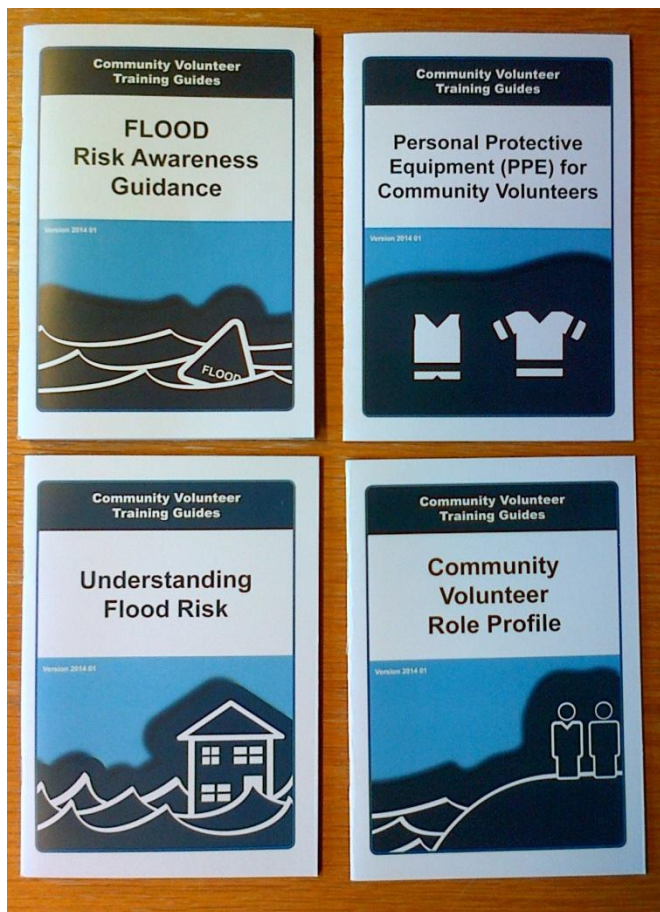
A screenshot of the Cornwall Community Flood Forum website. The page has a blue header with the forum's logo and navigation links. A sidebar on the left lists categories like Home, About Us, Projects, and Communities. The main content area features a 'Cornwall Community Flood Forum' banner with a photo of a flooded street, followed by sections for News, About us, Home and Business, Communities, and Further information. A right sidebar contains links for 'My area', 'A-Z of services', 'My Bookmarks', and 'Contact'. At the bottom, there is a feedback section and a footer with links for Feedback, Legal Notices, Website Statistics, and Cookies.

www.CornwallCommunityFloodForum.org.uk

Community Resilience Toolkit



Community Resilience toolkit



Flood Warden training and guides produced around:

- Role Profile
- Flood Risk Awareness
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Understanding Flood Risk
- Municipal insurers happy!

Our success is no ‘Secret’

- **Communities as active participants rather than passive recipients**
- **Multi-agency approach key to the communities engagement**
- **Identify and support “community champions” to take a lead**
- **Encourage engagement with the uniformed emergency services**
- **Remove common barriers to community resilience:**
 - Don’t “re-invent the wheel”, encourage exchange of ideas
 - Offer solutions to issues of risk, responsibility, liability
 - Offer support with training and insurance for volunteers
 - Identify funding solutions for community resilience groups
- **Most of all, it’s an exercise in building trust**



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