

Dear Resident

Southwell Community Road Closure Scheme
You live in a unique place – you may like to help your community

'Unique' as in our lovely town of course, but also 'unique' because you are near a critical location for the operation of the Southwell Road Closure Scheme in the event of a flood.

Since our widespread flooding in July 2013 when many people were affected for a long period, Southwell Flood Forum has been working with Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC), Newark and Sherwood District Council and Southwell Town Council on reducing our flood risk.

As well as supplying valuable local knowledge on our flooding mechanisms and mitigation options for the flood consultants who are now surveying in readiness to design flood reduction measures, a Road Closure Scheme has been designed to help local people protect their community in the event of a flood and minimise damage to homes and property from bow-waves caused by passing traffic. It also helps to save lives and prevent injuries by stopping people entering the dangerous and unpredictable area covered by floodwater.

Wardens need to be well placed near a Road Closure point or a 'trigger point' and not be at risk of flooding in their own properties, in order to respond quickly to an expected flood and make their communities aware of emerging issues as and when they happen.

The scheme gives trained Road Closure Wardens (RCW) legally delegated power from NCC, when a predetermined trigger is met that could potentially lead to flooding, to erect signs warning drivers to slow down and close selected roads in a safe way. The Scheme involves 20 road closure points (see map overleaf) and is probably the largest in Europe.

We have 13 training events since 2013 and we are delighted that we currently have 60 trained RCW's who are committed to the safety of our community in a flood event.

In order for the Scheme to be effective and sustainable, we need additional **Road Closure Wardens**, particularly near road closure points where we currently do not have many trained RCW's.

We also need **Trigger Spotters** who live near pre-determined 'trigger points', measured by the height of the flood/watercourse levels at those locations. Trigger Spotters are tasked to keep an eye on the water levels and liaise with Wardens in the area/huddle related to that trigger point.

As you live near a Road Closure Point or Trigger Point and may not be affected in the event of a flood – see map and list overleaf - we would like you to consider being a Road Closure Warden or a Trigger Spotter. Neither role requires a huge amount of commitment in time, but is vital to ensure the safety of people and property should we experience another flood event.

You would need to attend an initial training session for 1½ – 2 hours, and then as a Warden, to refresh your skills once a year. The training covers information on the Road Closure Scheme and role of a RCW, how to be prepared for an emergency, the dangers of flood water and how to safely close a road affected by flooding. The training is led by Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service with advice/information from the Environment Agency.

If you would like to join our team as a Road Closure Warden or a Trigger Spotter we would be very pleased to hear from you by email or phone. More information on the Road Closure Scheme is also available on our website - goo.gl/nQiSkP

Kind regards

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NB – There are minor amendments since the publication of the map in the Southwell Community Resilience Handbook. Copies of the original Handbook are in the Library.

Road Closure Wardens needed in these huddles	Trigger spotters needed in these areas
<p>NOTT Nottingham Road and Becketts Field (RC5 and RC3) Halloughton Road and Becketts Field (RC 3 and RC7) Brackenhurst (RC2)</p>	<p>Nottingham Road, Becketts Field, east end of Halloughton Road Trigger point - Potwell Dyke near the Pelican Crossing (outside the Minster/Leisure Centre)</p>
<p>WEST Allenby Road, Vicarage Road, west end of Westgate (RC8)</p>	<p>Halloughton Road near the Potwell Dyke Trigger point - Halloughton Road</p>
<p>HALM Halam Road, Chatsworth Ave, Wolsey Close (RC10) Cooks Lane (RC9)</p>	<p>Halam Road, Dudley Doy Road Trigger point - Halam Road, close to Dudley Doy Road.</p>
<p>STN Station Road, Dornoch Avenue, Riverside, Chatham Street near junction with Station Road, Normanton Road, (RC 16a/b) Corkhill Lane (RC15)</p>	<p>Kirklington Road, Glenfields and south end of Woodland Drive Trigger point – Glenfields/Kirklington Road</p>
<p>CHET Church Street (RC20)</p>	<p>Lower Kirklington Road (between Norwood Gardens and The Burgage), north end of The Ropewalk Trigger point - Lower Kirklington Road</p>
<p>KIRK Kirklington Road near junction with Halam Road (RC11) Hopkiln Lane and Kirklington Road near junction with Hopkiln Lane (RC12)</p>	<p>Residents/office staff living/working on Station Road, Mill Park, Greet Lily Mill, west end of Riverside Trigger point - Station Road/Normanton Road</p>
<p>LKR Norwood Gardens near junction with Lower Kirklington Road (RC13) Lower Kirklington Road (east of Ropewalk), Byron Gardens (RC14)</p>	<p>Newark Road, north end of Burgage Lane, entrances to Meadow View, Greet Park Close, Marrison Close and Templeman's Way onto Newark Road Trigger point - Newark Road</p>
<p>NEW Chimes Meadow, Marrison Way, Greet Park Close, Burgage Lane (RC17 and 18)</p>	<p>Church Street, Harveys Field, Palace View Trigger point - Potwell Dyke on Church Street</p>