



East Riding of Yorkshire Council – Flood Information

October 2026

Ahead of the upcoming winter period and as part of national flood action week (12th-18th October) the Council's flood risk officers have developed a package of information to share with Town & Parish Councils to provide advice on flooding.

This includes links and information on who to contact in a flood, improving flood resilience, and opportunities for Town & Parish Councils to get involved in community flood resilience projects.

(1) Who to contact in a flood

If there is a danger to life or an emergency, always dial 999 in the first instance.

Who you should contact otherwise depends on the source and location of the flooding:

- River Flooding or blockage – Environment Agency - <https://www.gov.uk/report-flood-cause>
- Highway/Surface Water Flooding – East Riding of Yorkshire Council - <https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/environment/roads-streets-traffic-and-parking/roads-pavements-and-traffic/drainage-and-flooding/>
- Sewer Flooding – Yorkshire Water - <https://www.yorkshirewater.com/your-water/flooding/>
- Tidal flooding – tidal flood warnings and advice will usually be issued ahead of time. However, in the event of an emergency where tidal defences are overtopped or breached, please dial 999 if there is a danger to life.
- Groundwater Flooding – It is generally your responsibility to manage groundwater problems on your property (see Property Flood Resilience section below). You can still report groundwater flooding to the Council. If there is a groundwater impact on the public sewer system, you should contact Yorkshire Water.

(2) Understanding Flood Risk

As part of Flood Action Week 2026 the Environment Agency is launching Flood Action Online, a new one stop website on GOV.UK. It brings together flood risk checks, flood warnings and practical advice in one place.

- **Flood Action Online** - <https://floodaction.campaign.gov.uk/>

(3) Improving your Flood Resilience

- **Prepare for Emergencies** – Local Resilience Forum (<https://humberlrf.gov.uk/>)

The Humber Local Resilience Forum (LRF) brings together organisations that work collectively to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies across the Humber area. Its guidance encourages households and communities to think beyond individual hazards and consider how they would cope with wider disruption to everyday life. The LRF's Let's Get Ready for an Emergency booklet provides further practical guidance for residents on preparing for a range of emergencies and disruptions.

Residents are encouraged to talk through emergency arrangements with family, friends and neighbours, consider who around them may need additional help, understand how they would communicate if normal services were disrupted, and make arrangements for circumstances such as being unable to remain at or return to their home. The guidance also encourages communities to share trusted information and only help during an emergency where it is safe and appropriate to do so.

- **Develop a Community Emergency Plan** - <https://humberlrf.gov.uk/community-emergency-plans/>

A community emergency plan (CEP) identifies local resources available and sets out a structure to follow in the response to an incident such as severe weather or flooding that might isolate the community. We have produced further guidance and informative resources to help Town and Parish councils write their community emergency plan. If you want to write a community emergency plan, or review an existing one, you can contact the emergency planning team on emergency.planning@eastriding.gov.uk for templates and advice.

- **Property Flood Resilience (PFR)**

PFR measures are practical adaptations that help reduce water entering a property or minimise damage if it does. There are often simple, effective steps you can take before, during and after a flood to reduce damage, protect what matters most, and recover faster (<https://thefloodhub.co.uk/pfr/>).

There are some helpful and detailed guides for property flood resilience and recovery available here (<https://floodmary.com/>). The blue pages (<https://bluepages.org.uk/>) is another directory of PFR products and services put together to advise and inform you of what's available to help reduce the risk of flooding to your home or business.

The Council has also produced a leaflet with examples of PFR measures. This is available on the council website and has been attached to the email.



- **Flood Re – A flood re-insurance scheme** - <https://www.floodre.co.uk/>

Flood Re is a joint initiative between the Government and insurers. Its aim is to make the flood cover part of household insurance policies more affordable to help householders whose homes are at high risk of flooding. Use the Flood Re Tool to find out if your home qualifies for support.

- **Dangers of driving through floodwater** - <https://thefloodhub.co.uk/blog/driving-in-flood-water/>

Driving in floodwater is extremely dangerous. Even shallow water can cause your vehicle to lose traction, stall, or be swept away, and deeper water can hide hazards like missing manhole covers, potholes or debris. It can also cause bow waves that could flood nearby properties or other vehicles.

- **Owning a watercourse** - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse>

Riparian landowners have a legal duty to maintain watercourses on or adjacent to their property. This includes keeping channels clear of obstructions, preserving bank stability, and ensuring the free passage of water. A riparian owner is somebody who has either a main river or an ordinary watercourse, such as a stream or culvert, running through, beneath or adjacent to the boundary of their land. A council guidance leaflet on riparian responsibility is available on the council website and has been attached to the email.

(4) Flood Risk Partnerships

- **Humber 2100+** - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/humber-2100-understanding-tidal-risk>

Humber 2100+ is a partnership working on a new long-term approach to manage tidal flood risk in the Humber region over the next 100 years. The partnership has recently published an 'Understanding Tidal Risk' document which sets out the strategic picture of tidal flood risk in the Humber. It explains what is at risk, how that risk might change in the future, and why a different, long-term adaptive approach is needed to manage future pressures due to climate change and sea level rise.

- **Living with Water (LWW)** - <https://livingwithwater.co.uk/>

The LWW Partnership is a multi-agency collaboration involving East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Hull City Council, Yorkshire Water, the Environment Agency, and the University of Hull. Its mission is to promote a shared vision for water resilience across the region through blue-green infrastructure delivery and engagement. LWW engages communities and businesses in water-sensitive design and supports climate

adaptation through nature-based solutions, research, innovation, and demonstrator projects. It serves as a model for integrated catchment management and stakeholder engagement.

(5) How to get involved

- **Community Flood Wardens**

The council has recently introduced a community flood warden initiative for Town and Parish Councils across the East Riding. You may have received previous correspondence from colleagues in emergency planning inviting participation in the flood warden scheme. If there is any further interest in the council's flood warden initiative, please get in touch at Emergency.planning@eastriding.gov.uk for further information. Guidance, training and equipment is provided.

Flood wardens can play an important role in raising awareness of flooding issues within the local community as well as reporting issues such as blockages of watercourses, bridges or damage to flood defences. Other activities could include deploying drop-down flood signs if flooding is expected on the highway and taking photographs of flooding to be used in post-event reports. Flood Wardens are not expected to have responsibility for managing, directing or coordinating a flood incident, this remains with the risk management authorities and emergency services.

- **SuDS planter opportunity**

Living with Water partners have delivered a wide range of retrofit SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) across Hull and the East Riding over recent years. This includes major new SuDS infrastructure in areas such Bilton, Derringham and Orchard Park and several school and community SuDS projects.

As LWW continue to build flood resilience there is an opportunity for SuDS planters to be installed on Town & Parish Council buildings at suitable locations within the defined LWW boundary (following initial assessment eligible parishes are Cottingham, Hessle, Kirk Ella, Skidby and Willerby). Examples of SuDS planters are provided below. The planters would be funded and delivered by the LWW partnership on the basis that future responsibility is taken on by the relevant Town & Parish Council. If your Town or Parish Council is eligible and would be interested, please contact floods@eastriding.gov.uk for further information.

SuDS planters are designed to manage rainwater sustainably in urban environments by capturing rainwater run-off from roofs and rerouting the downpipe into the planter instead of directly into the drains. By incorporating natural elements like vegetation, these innovative systems slow the flow of water, providing additional rainwater storage,



reducing runoff and reducing the risk of flooding. SuDS planters introduce high-quality planting that enhances biodiversity, supports pollinators, and contributes to healthier, more attractive living environments. They transform grey areas into greener, more engaging spaces to manage water sustainably, improve wellbeing and connect with nature.



- **Local Flood Risk Management Strategy update**

Under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, as Lead Local Flood Authority, has a statutory duty to review and update its Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS).

The council's Flood Risk Strategy team has worked together with colleagues and partners to develop the latest Strategy which will shortly go out for public consultation. Since the publication of the previous LFRMS, a multitude of schemes and initiatives have been implemented, which are summarised in the strategy.

This Strategy sets out the approach to achieving the council's vision, aims, and priorities for managing local flood risk within the East Riding between 2027 and 2039.

We would welcome your opinions on this draft document as part of the public consultation, so comments can be considered in a revised final version that is formally adopted by East Riding of Yorkshire Council in early 2026. A link to the consultation page will be shared with Town and Parish councils once open.

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please get in touch and our officers will get back to you.

Kind regards,

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