

BRIGHTLEY FLOOD PLAN



Issued January 2015

The purpose of this document is to make every one aware of the flood risk to the local area and convey the preventions and actions that need to be taken both individually and corporately as a local community so that we can prepare for the event of local flooding and communicate effectively and take appropriate action in an emergency if flooding does occur.

The plan lays out clear prevention measures, potential flood risk areas, procedures for alerting relevant people of flood risk and an emergency plan which will be implemented in an emergency, this includes lists and contact details of local agencies, service providers, vulnerable residents and appointed flood volunteers/persons.

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Floods can happen anywhere at any time. They're caused by rising ground waters, burst water drains, rainwater running off hillsides as well as flooding from rivers and the sea. The Environment Agency recognise the threat and risk of flooding at Brightley. The properties on the Abbeyford Wood side of the river are considered at risk and currently the properties next to the road are at risk from surface water running off the developed land (Okehampton). It is important to remember that we are not only at risk of flooding from the river but even a foot of running surface water at high speed can be dangerous.

The Environment Agency floodline will contact the appointed individuals **(Simon Prior for Brightley)**, if we are to expect any possible or imminent flooding to the area and we in turn will work as a network to communicate any possible threat/risk of flooding to all those at risk. We will refer to the plan set out in this document in case of an emergency. However every individual is responsible for keeping themselves updated/aware of any flood warnings and taking the necessary steps to prevent flooding in their property, switching of mains electric and gas and moving valuable possessions and moving to a safe area if deemed necessary. Please refer to the Environment Agency Booklet 'What to do before, during and after a flood' to implement and action your own personnel, prevention, protection and emergency plan. **A copy of which has been given to you with this booklet.**

It is not the responsibility of the Flood Wardens to protect you or your property.

We have appointed 3 individuals as flood volunteers who are the local points of contact for communicating flood warnings and implementing emergency flood plan procedures. Please contact them reporting any flooding concerns you may have, if in the event that you cannot contact them you will need to contact the Environment Agency who are responsible for monitoring potential flooding and issuing flood warnings.

The volunteer flood wardens are:

Simon Prior- 5 Brightley Cottages	01837 659254
Andy Ewen- Brightley Farm	01837 659200
Clive Donovan-Bencoran, Brightley Road	01837 54098
mobile	07727 637130

Areas at Risk:

The flood area that this document covers is from the top end of Brightley Road by the first bridge up from the Quarry and down through to Brightley Cross. Please see the map enclosed for reference.

The map shows:-

- The area covered by flood plan
- The 3 zoned areas covered by Volunteer Flood Wardens
- The Identified drains

All the properties on Brightley road are considered at risk from flooding. The cottages next to the road and the 1st bungalows on the corner are considered at risk from surface water running off the land, Brightley Farm and Brightley Cottage are at risk of flooding from the river.

Prevention:

The Environment Agency is responsible for measuring river levels and issuing flood warnings.

Simon Prior of 5 Brightley Cottages has volunteered to be the contact for the Environment Agency who once being notified of a risk will implement the flood plan

Simon will check river levels by means of the internet and visual checks he will also check drains in his flood zone.

Andy Ewen and Clive Donovan will also check river levels and drains in their flood zones.

The 3 volunteer Flood Wardens will report any noticeable changes to the river levels, any significant surface water and drainage concerns to the appropriate agencies. It is also important that individuals have a point of reference for the river level so they are able to assess the situation for themselves if the Flood Wardens are unable to carry out their voluntary role. If you are concerned about the river level, drains or surface water please contact the flood wardens or the environment agency.

All the information that has been obtained by the voluntary flood wardens regarding the possible flood risk and the information provided

to us from the Brightley Flood Plan questionnaires have been passed on to the relevant agencies by the Parish Council.

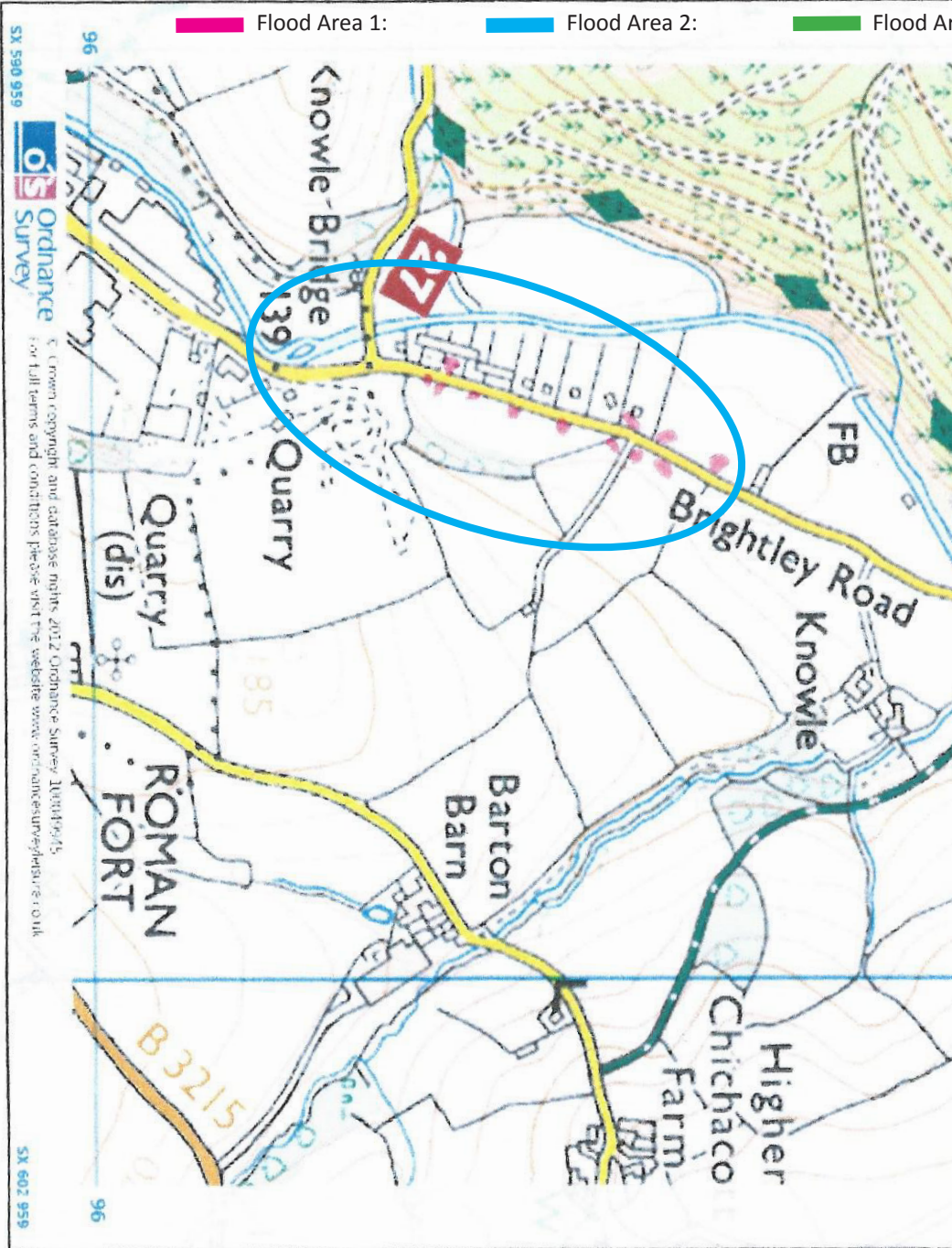
Protection:

With prior planning we are able to take action to reduce the impact of flooding. **All individuals are responsible for sourcing sandbags in order to protect their properties Sand and sand bags are available from 5 Brightley Cottages. Further supplies can be obtained from the West Devon Borough Council office in St James Street, Okehampton.**

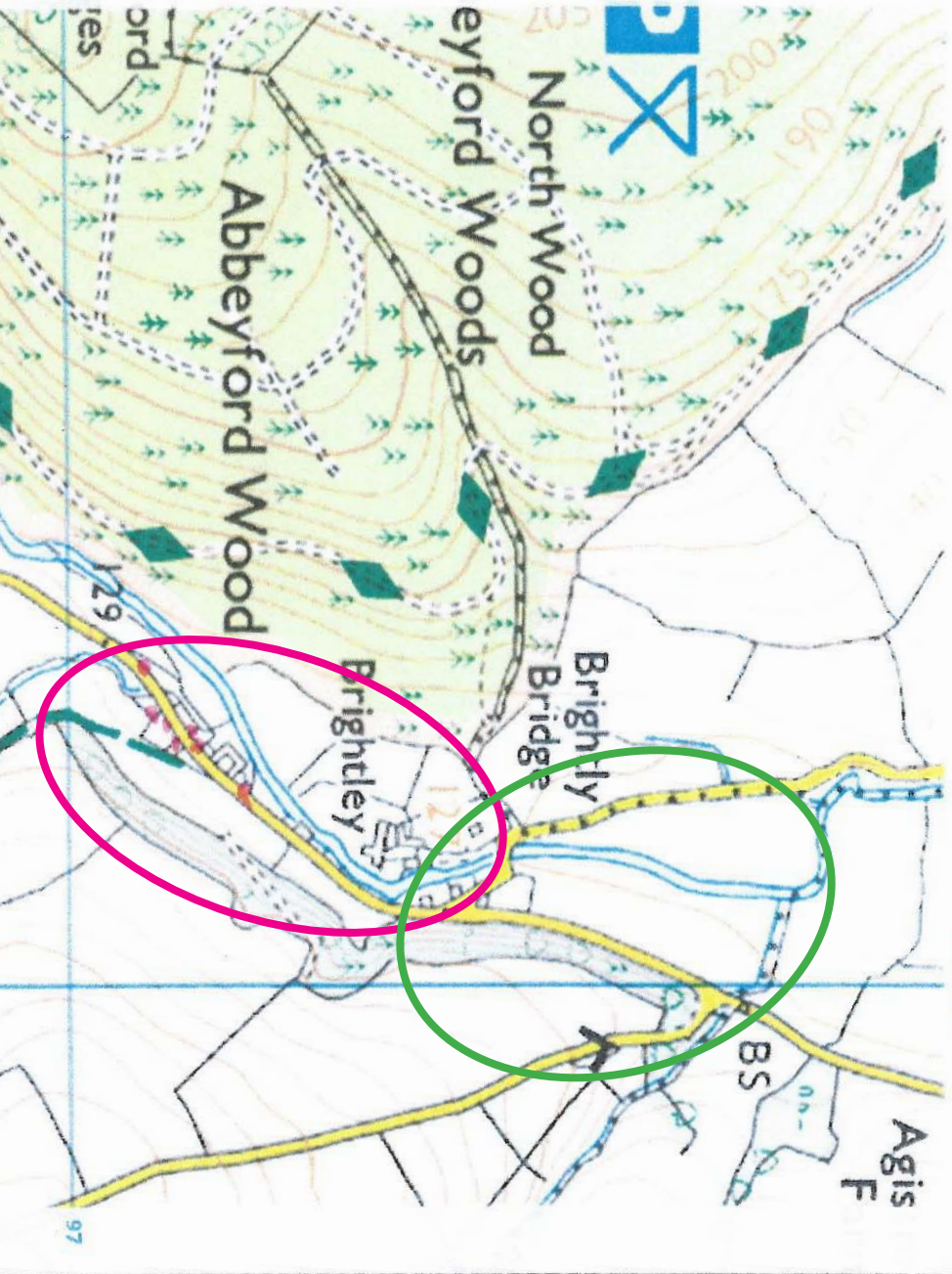
We have identified residents from the questionnaire that will need assistance and the flood wardens will ensure these people receive assistance in obtaining and placing sandbags. If assistance is required with collecting these please arrange a suitable time with Simon Prior.

All residents of Brightley have been issued, with this booklet, the Environment Agency booklet entitled 'What to do before, during and after a flood'

It is highly recommended that residents read the booklet and prepare a personal flood plan.



Area 3: ■ Known drain and gully



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1:50,000 scale
260000m

www.ordnance-survey.co.uk

Once a possible flood risk has been identified by the Environment Agency, the voluntary Flood Wardens or by the residents of Brightley, the appropriate agencies will be informed.

The volunteer Flood Wardens will then be informed who then will inform the residents within their identified area.

At this point it is up to individual residents to implement their own personal emergency flood plan i.e. Placement of sand bags, protection of property and possessions and possible evacuation.

If help can be given to the vulnerable residents identified below by neighbours and friends please do so.

If flooding does occur, nobody including the flood volunteers should risk their own lives in an attempt to save others individuals, their properties or belongings including that of domestic animals or any livestock.

The emergency services are responsible for ensuring public safety and co-ordinating the incident response.

All residents are now advised to follow the instructions from the emergency services. If you require help from the emergency services please display your red help sign in a front window.

List of residents who have identified themselves as requiring assistance:-

Flood area 1:

Additional information

Edna Mcdowell, Pine Lodge, Brightley Road

clearing drains

Flood area 2:

Lynne Vowles, Meadowside, Brightley
Sue & Guy, 2 Brightley Cottages

placing of sand bags
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Flood area 3:

Jo Firbank, 1&2 Priors Cottage
Norma Hynes, Appledale, Brightley Cross

placing of sandbags

Update Others here

Brightley Volunteer Flood Wardens:

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Andy Ewen	Brightley Farm, Brightley mobile	01837 659200 07968 998 368

Environment Agency flood line 0345 988 1188
General number 08708 506506
Website – www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood

West Devon Borough Council 01822 813600

Okehampton Hamlets Parish Clerk Jane Gillard 01837 55728

Fire Brigade Emergency 999
Non emergency 01392 872200

Police Emergency 999
Non Emergency 101

DCC Highways 01392 383329
0345 155 1004

BT General Enquiries 0843 459 7677

Gas emergency number 0800 111 999

Electric 0800 365 900
to report a power failure 0800 6783 105



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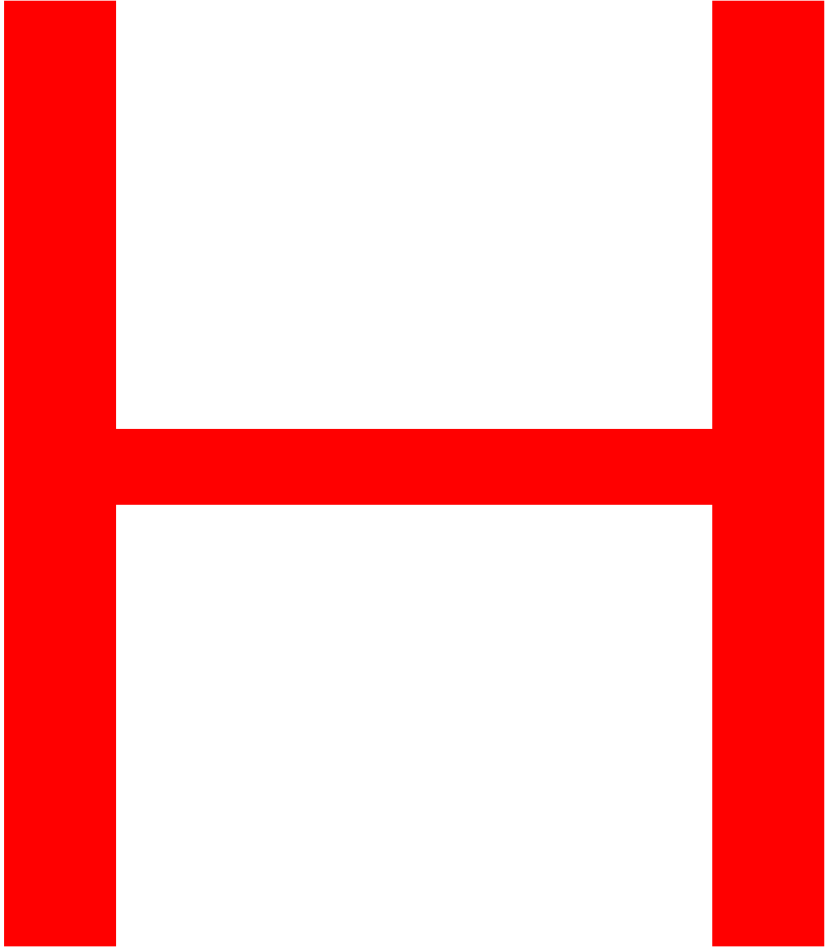
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If in an emergency and you require assistance please display this help sign in a visible front window for the Emergency services to see.