



Newsletter May 2022

## Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme – Progress update

The Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme has made good progress in the last few months following the devastating recent flooding which affected the town. In this newsletter we would like to share with you some of the most significant steps achieved so far.

### **Ground Investigations**

Ground Investigations works are still on track to begin 31<sup>st</sup> May. These are a vital part of designing any flood alleviation scheme as they provide detailed information for the design and construction stage. Whilst these investigations take place, a compound will be situated in the Football Ground car park, and our staff will be on site frequently to support our contractors, BAM Nuttall. The investigations on the ground are expected to take around 4 weeks to complete, with the full report available around August. We expect to be able to share these results with you as soon as possible.

#### **Current defence interim improvements**

The project team have been working with members of the Tadcaster Community Client Group to identify potential areas where current defences may benefit from interim improvement, prior to full scheme construction. Following our initial walkover with the Tadcaster Community Client Group representatives, we employed our specialist field team to provide a detailed assessment of potential areas for improvement, we have identified 4 locations where work will take place. This work will be completed during June and July 2022, aligning where possible with the ground investigations works to minimise disruption. Further information will be shared with the community once solutions and a programme has been confirmed.

#### Drones over Tadcaster



We recently commissioned a 3D survey of the current flood defences through Tadcaster, using drones for aerial surveys as well as taking still images along the defences. This not only gives us full 3D imagery but also allows detailed measurements to be taken remotely allowing work to progress quicker and more efficiently. It will also be used to visually illustrate potential solutions when we engage with the community and stakeholders.



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Get in touch to find out how we are working to better protection Tadcaster from the risk of flooding

#### Working with the community

Early this month our project team met with the Tadcaster Historical Society to better understand the important history of the town, to ensure where possible we appreciate and promote the heritage of the town as part of the Scheme such as retaining certain vistas and walking trails.

#### **Forward look**

As GI and the interim work commence, we remain committed to working with the people of Tadcaster to provide the best possible protection from flooding. We continue to attend local meetings with the Town Council, the Tadcaster Community Client Group, the Flood Action Group, MP, Councillors, partner organisations and members of the community to listen to views and provide updates on scheme progress. We will continue to use these newsletters to keep you informed of progress, investigation results and other useful news.

#### Get in touch

We would love to hear from you, and there are many ways you can get in touch.

The Ark. Our friendly project team are available at The Ark at Tadcaster Town Council Offices every Tuesday between 10-12. Nick and Karl are happy to meet and discuss the scheme with you.

<u>E-mail.</u> We have a dedicated email account where you can drop us a line at your convenience. tadcasterfas@environment-agency.gov.uk

Write to us. Environment Agency, c/o Tadcaster Town Council, The Ark, 33 Kirkgate, LS24 9AQ

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# **Stay Prepared**

Remember that even homes and businesses which are protected by flood defences are still at risk of flooding.

Our free flood warning service provides up-to-date information about flood risk straight to your landline, mobile and/or email.

Please continue to be prepared and resilient by signing up to receive advanced flood warnings.

Register by calling 0345 988 1188, or visiting www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings



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