

We continue to make good progress towards delivering the Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme, and through this newsletter we aim to keep you updated and share with you some of the most significant steps to date.

The Consultation Results

Throughout March and April, we ran a public consultation on our proposals for a flood scheme and fish pass in Tadcaster. Over **250** people attended our drop in events, and **84** people responded to our consultation. **96%** of those who completed the survey supported the proposal of a flood alleviation scheme for Tadcaster.

The consultation summary and published comments are available to view online at Citizen Space.

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/yorkshire/tadcaster-flood-alleviation-scheme-proposals>

Your Feedback

A great many of you gave us your views, asked us questions, and provided suggestions. Full details are available online, but below is a small example of some of the comments received.

"Very welcome and impressive scheme to protect and enhance the area"

"100% support this whole scheme it will save our town and bring relief to long suffering homeowners and businesses"

"Access to the top of the defences (path) should be improved"

"Good that the fish pass and ecology has been considered"

Key Themes

A number of themes emerged during the consultation; we have identified these and provided our response in the summary document. The key themes included transfer of risk to upstream or downstream locations, access to the riverbank, carbon reduction measures and historical sensitivity.

The response from the community has been excellent; we want to thank everyone who took the time to share their views or come find out more.

What happens next?

Now that the consultation period has come to an end, we have reviewed the responses and are using your comments to help explore how we can improve the area should our proposals gain planning permission.

We are now working closely with the North Yorkshire Council Planning team; a pre-planning application will be submitted over the summer. We will keep you updated on the project. If you have provided contact details to us you will be on our mailing list and will receive regular updates.

Communication and engagement

Throughout the consultation and beyond, we continue to talk to residents who are likely to be directly impacted by the construction of the defences and will continue to engage and listen to the wider community as we progress. We are always available at The Ark on Tuesdays between 10am – 12pm for anyone to come chat to us about the scheme and will continue to provide updates to the community throughout the scheme.

Get in touch

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

The Ark. We are available at The Ark at Tadcaster Town Council Offices every Tuesday between 10-12 and we are happy to meet and discuss the scheme with you.

E-mail. 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

Please visit our website for up-to-date information [Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme \(FAS\) Information Page - Environment Agency](#)



You can sign up for updates by emailing tadcasterfas@environment-agency.gov.uk

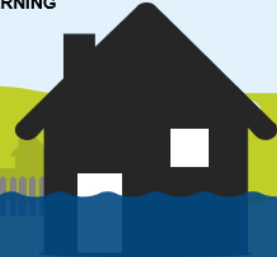
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Useful items for your emergency bag



Your home may be at risk of flooding

- PREPARE**  **FLOOD ALERT**
- ACT**  **FLOOD WARNING**
- SURVIVE**  **SEVERE FLOOD WARNING**



Flooding is dangerous and can happen very quickly. The effects can be devastating. If it happens, you can be prepared. Look inside to find out how.

Who can you contact about flooding?

- Report Flooding**
Environment Agency 24-hour incident hotline **0800 807060**
- Advice, before, during and after a flood**
Floodline 24-hours **0345 9881188** www.gov.uk/flood
- Surface water flooding help and advice**
Local Authority enquiries

If you think a life is in danger call 999



www.gov.uk/environment-agency






Step 1 Check if you are at risk from river flooding

www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk

Step 2 Sign up for free flood warnings now!

0345 988 1188 gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings

Step 3 Make a plan

- PREPARE**  **FLOOD ALERT**
 - ✓ Prepare a bag that includes medicines and insurance documents
 - ✓ Visit check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk
- ACT**  **FLOOD WARNING**
 - ✓ Turn off gas, water and electricity
 - ✓ Move things upstairs or to safety
 - ✓ Move family, pets and car to safety
- SURVIVE**  **SEVERE FLOOD WARNING**
 - ✓ Call 999 if in immediate danger
 - ✓ Follow advice from emergency services
 - ✓ Keep yourself and your family safe




Receive flood warnings by phone, email or text



How else can I prepare?

- How would I arrange school pick ups? Or access elderly or vulnerable relatives? Do I have a plan?
- Does my insurance cover flooding?
- What flood products for my home are there?
bluepages.org.uk yorkshirefloodresilience.co.uk

Where can I go for updates on flooding?

-  Listen for updates on local TV and radio stations
-  [@EnvAgencyYNE](https://twitter.com/EnvAgencyYNE)
-  check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk

We are working with North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue (Tadcaster) to help raise awareness around water safety. More information is available on the Royal Life Saving Society's website [Royal Life Saving Society UK's Drowning Prevention Week \(rlss.org.uk\)](http://RoyalLifeSavingSocietyUK.org.uk)



ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.

STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a lifeguarded venue.

In an emergency:

Call 999

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.

FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.

Enjoy Water Safely

Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills. Visit www.rlss.org.uk

Summer WATER SAFETY

Drowning accidents are always especially high in the summer months and over the last few years we have heard of too many tragedies that could have been avoided. Every year people drown both at home and on holiday because they don't take simple precautions, so reaching people with water safety messages is vital.

We want people to enjoy the water safely. Please help to avoid another tragic summer this year by spreading the following water safety advice far and wide:

LOOK OUT FOR LIFEGUARDS

If you're looking for a place to cool off, always find a lifeguarded swimming site

IT'S COLDER THAN IT LOOKS

Water at open and inland sites is often much colder than it looks. Cold water can affect your ability to swim and self-rescue

DON'T GO TOO FAR

Always swim parallel to the shore, that way you're never too far away from it

IT'S STRONGER THAN IT LOOKS

Currents in the water can be very strong. If you find yourself caught in a current - don't swim against it - you'll tire yourself out. Stay calm, swim with the current and call for help

BRING A FRIEND

Always bring a friend when you go swimming so if anything goes wrong, you've got someone there to help

For more information visit rlss.org.uk

BE WATER AWARE

Last year saw 226 accidental drowning fatalities in Great Britain.

46% of drowning victims never intended to enter the water.

TOP TIPS

- Don't go closer to the water than necessary.
- Never enter the water if you see a person or animal in trouble
 - In-land, call 999 and ask for Fire Service
 - At sea, call 999 and ask for Coastguard
- Dog Walkers, do not follow your dog into water, they will usually make their own way out, but call for help if necessary!
- Always carry a mobile phone, and install What3Words to be able to give your exact location to emergency services.
 - Don't go near water when intoxicated.
 - Don't jump into water, you don't know what is beneath the surface!

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10 Drowning Facts

- 47%** OF ACCIDENTAL DROWNINGS occur between May and August.
- 83%** of those who drown accidentally in the UK are male.
- 59%** of UK accidental drownings occur at inland water sites.
- An average of **312 UK and Irish Citizens** lose their life to accidental drowning each year.
- Only 30%** of parents surveyed said they were 'very confident' that their child knows how to stay safe in and around water.
- Only 51% of Black children in the UK can swim**, compared to 73% for White British children
- Around two thirds** of UK adults surveyed have never had any formal training or education in water safety.
- 73% of accidental UK drownings** occurred in the absence of professional supervision, such as a RLSS UK qualified lifeguard
- 47% of those who lost their life to accidental drowning in the UK never intended to be in the water.**
- Alcohol and/or drugs** are a factor in 32% of all UK accidental drownings.

Drowning is preventable. Even one drowning is one too many.



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