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Cornwall Community Flood Forum - Summer Newsletter



We hope you are enjoying the weather this summer and keeping cool. With the recent heatwave, it is easy to forget that the summer can bring a risk of flash flooding.

We tend to associate stormy weather with winter months, but flash floods can occur even on a sunny day when a storm has struck higher ground upstream. Examples of the devastating impacts of summer flash flooding in Cornwall were seen in Boscastle in 2004 and Coverack in 2017.

When a significant amount of heavy rain falls in a short period of time, steep fast-flowing rivers and urban drainage often cannot cope, leading to deep, fast-moving water. It is therefore crucial that you know what to do and how to stay safe.

Know the signs:

- Heavy rain or severe weather reports
 - Check your flood risk [Check for flooding - GOV.UK](#) and sign up for flood warnings [Get flood warnings by text, phone or email - GOV.UK](#)

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- A build up of debris in rivers or streams

Prepare:

- Plan where to go if you get caught in a flash flood
- Know how to turn off gas, electricity and water supplies
- Help your community to write a Flood Plan and join your local Flood Group - CCFF can support communities with this

Act:

- Do not walk or drive through flood water.
- Call 999 if there's a risk to life



Chair Vacancy

“If you want to give something back to communities in Cornwall and enjoy working with other like-minded people to bring about real changes, this is a very fulfilling role. Every day is different and brings about new opportunities. I have enjoyed it so much that I have stayed as the Chair for the full 6-year term!” – Gitty Ankers, MBE, Current Chair of CCFF

Could you help communities become more resilient to flooding and coastal change in Cornwall? As Chair, you'll help shape the organisation's strategic direction, support a dedicated board and staff team, strengthen partnerships, and champion community resilience across Cornwall. This is a voluntary role, with the opportunity to shadow the current Chair until December 2026 and gain first-hand insight into the position. If you are passionate about building community resilience here in Cornwall, then we would love to hear from you! Find out more and express your interest [here](#).

Flood and Coast Conference



In June, our CCFF Officers had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Flood and Coast Conference in Liverpool. With all the presentations, workshops and stands, this was a great opportunity for the officers to network and learn about other innovative flood projects happening across the country. The officers are excited to bring this knowledge back to Cornwall and continue to work with our communities to help Cornwall be more resilient.

The Forum are also incredibly pleased to let you know that our officer, Amy, received Highly Commended in the Early Career Professional category at the Flood and Coast

on a national stage!

Our communities have been busy updating their Flood Plans

CCFF have continued to support Redruth who have been making progress on their Emergency Plan and have helped Lostwithiel to update their Flood Plan after their live exercise.

We have been approached by new communities, including Sancreed and Ladock, and we will be working with them on their Emergency Flood Plans in the coming months.



Interested in starting a Community Flood Group? Get in touch by emailing: AmyR@volunteercornwall.org.uk and EmmaN@volunteercornwall.org.uk

Community Engagement Events

Wadebridge School Workshop

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In April, CCFF Trustee, Jenny, and Community Engagement Officer, Emma, had the wonderful opportunity to run a workshop for 80 Year 7 and Year 10 students at Wadebridge School. This was a great chance for them to look more in depth at the local flood risk and have a go at some of our practical Flood Warden scenario training! The students did a brilliant job and we hope to see them become Flood Wardens in years to come! A big thank you to the staff and students for welcoming us and making this possible.

Chacewater Green Show



In May, CCFF attended and had a stand at the Chacewater Green Show. It was great to talk to people about how they can be more prepared for flooding, including getting them to consider what they would include in their Emergency Grab Bags. There were lots of interesting stalls from local groups and green energy companies, as well as workshops. Thank you to Chacewater for hosting such a great event!

Making Space for Sand

coastal communities, vulnerable to coastal erosion and flooding, in developing their own unique adaptation and flood plans. At the moment we are working with many coastal communities to help them write or refresh a Flood Plan, including, Par, Coverack, Port Isaac, Millbrook, Crackington Haven, Newquay and Penzance.

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Penwith Severe Weather Exercise



We were delighted to attend and speak about preparedness at Penwith's Community Area Partnership meeting in April, along with our partners from Cornwall Council Emergency Management and the Environment Agency.

We ran a scenario exercise where the group considered what actions they would take during a severe weather event, who they would communicate with, and how. It was lovely to see so many people there and the group had great ideas about how they could use their local knowledge to make their community more resilient.

Coverack 'Walk and Talk'



In June, one of our CCFF officers, and two of our Trustees, Gitty and Rory, met with community members in Coverack to talk about their flood risk and how we can support them to be more prepared for flooding. We did a walk and talk of the village, and the community explained to us how they were impacted by the devastating flash flood in July 2017.

From the meeting, the community are keen to write a Flood Plan and form a Flood Group and we look forward to working with them on this in the near future!

People's Emergency Briefing Screenings

CCFF has attended at two community screenings of the People's Emergency Briefing, one in Penzance and one in Porth. It was great to see so many people in attendance at these events and the film sparked interesting discussions about the challenges of our changing weather, as well as what local action is already happening to address climate change.

CCFF presented after the screenings on the support we can provide to communities to be more flood resilient and the opportunity to get involved in local flood groups. Thank you to the organisers for inviting us along.



CCFF's Conference will be on Friday 6th November at the Royal Cornwall Showground!

The focus of this year's conference is how nature-based solutions can help to reduce the risk of flooding. We have some great speakers lined up and will be launching tickets shortly. Keep an eye out to register for your free ticket soon!

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