

Gargrave Community Flood Plan

Introduction

This is a redacted version of a working document to support Gargrave's flood wardens in the event of a potential or actual flood within the boundaries of the village. It has been produced with the support and co-operation of North Yorkshire County Council Flood Risk Management Team, North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, the Environment Agency and other key stakeholders. It will be reviewed annually and/or following lessons learnt from any flood-related incident(s) in consultation with the relevant bodies.

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Record of amendments, training and exercises

| Date | Details of Amendment | Version |
|----------|---|---------|
| 05/09/22 | Draft document for approval | V01 |
| 11/10/22 | Updated draft following Flood Warden meeting 29/09/22 | V02 |
| 04/11/22 | Updated following meeting with NYCC/CDC and including comments from EA | V03 |
| 21/11/22 | Updated Flood Map to indicate locations of sandbags & high vis following comments from NYCC | V04 |
| 05/01/23 | Updated Trigger One revised level at 1.5m | V05 |
| 12/01/23 | Updated Flood Map to indicate areas of road flooding and updated Primary Evacuation Centre contact details. | V06 |
| 19/09/23 | Updated Flood Map and Annual Review Updates & EA feedback | V07 |
| 22/03/24 | Updated contact details | V08 |
| 29/10/24 | Annual Review – minor changes | V09 |
| 09/12/25 | Annual Review – update contact information | V10 |
| 12/12/25 | Annual Review – minor changes | V11 |

Training and Exercises

| Date | Training/exercise summary |
|----------|---|
| 2020 | EA Flood Warden Training via Zoom for Pete Bell & James Enver |
| 28/03/22 | EA Flood Warden Training via Zoom for Tim Chronnell |

Purpose

The following action table addresses what to do in the event of the River Aire and/or Leeds & Liverpool Canal levels rise to the extent that may or do cause flooding. Additionally, it does address actions to take in the event of flash flooding, run-offs, burst pipes and blocked drains (be they within or without properties).

Primary Evacuation Centre

During an emergency it may be necessary to open an emergency centre/rendezvous point in order to co-ordinate responses/actions and provide temporary relocation. It might be necessary for some members of the community to be evacuated from their homes to a place of safety – e.g., the Village Hall, St Andrew's Church where their needs can be assessed and any appropriate assistance provided.

| Primary Premises (as per the Gargrave Community Emergency Plan) | |
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| Gargrave Village Hall West Street Gargrave, BD23 3RD | Lead and Deputy for the Community Emergency Team: Lead – Jayne Dunlop (tel. 07364 169364) Deputy – Claire Cadman (tel. 07919 286112) |
| Facilities | |
| Defibrillator – front of Village Hall Sandbag store – Parish Council Lock-up Shelter, kitchen & toilets | |

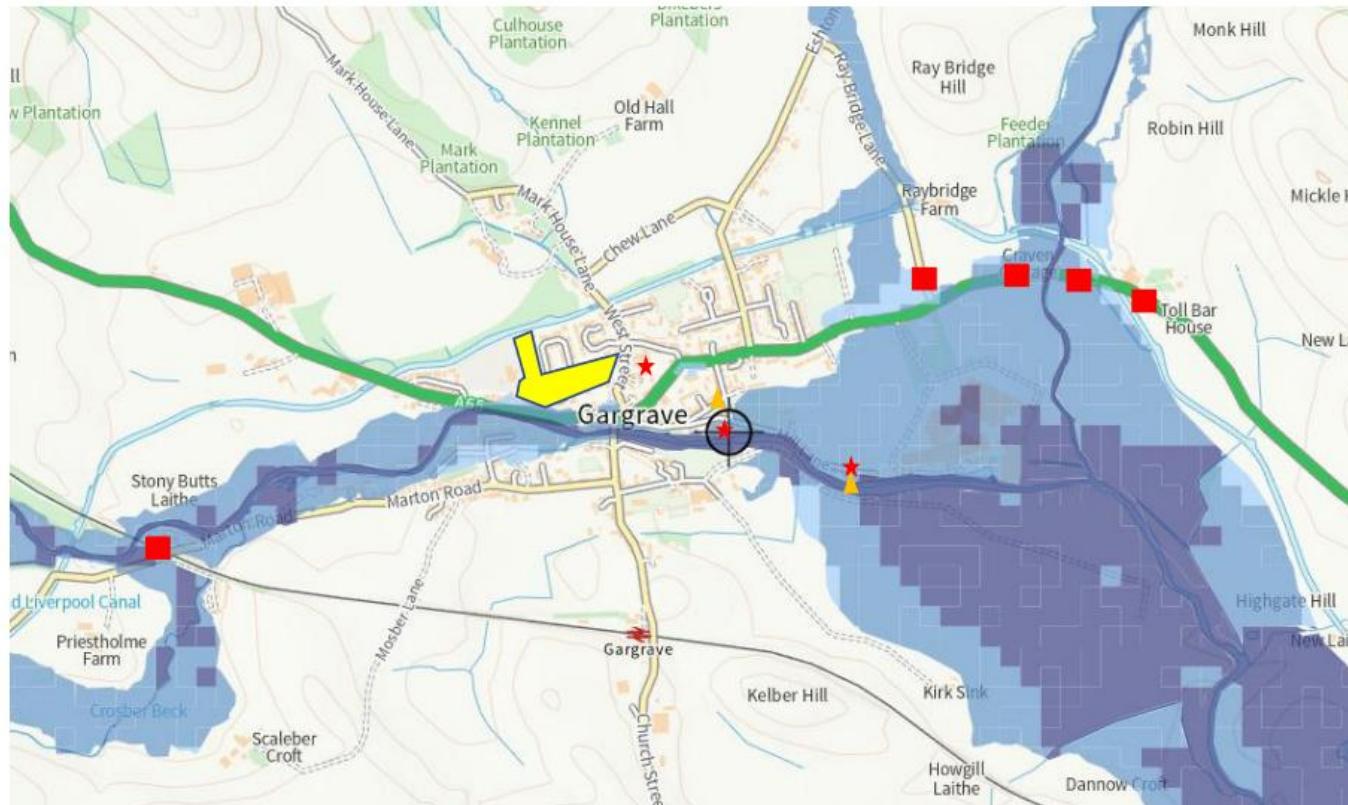
| Secondary Premises (as per the Gargrave Community Emergency Plan) | |
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| St Andrew's Church Church Street Gargrave, BD23 3NE | Peter Poulter - Key holder 07967107919 |
| Facilities | |
| Defibrillator – front of St Andrew's Church Shelter, kitchen & toilets | |

Street Map of Gargrave

This map highlights in blue the historical/perceived areas liable to potential flooding.

The normal range of the River Aire at Gargrave High Street is between 0.20m and 1.50m.

A link to the GOV.UK Check for Flooding website is here: <https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/target-area/123FWF094>



Extent of flooding



Key



Locations of Water Level & Rainfall Gauges

| Location | Type | Warning Level |
|--|----------------------|---|
| High Street River Aire level at Gargrave High Street - GOV.UK | EA River Level Gauge | Above 2.20m property flooding is possible |
| Malham Tarn - Malham Tarn rain gauge | EA River Level Gauge | |

N.B. readings at Malham Tarn give an approximate indication of the river level (when it's rising) 4/5 hours later at Gargrave.

Generic actions for potential/actual emergency – trigger points

Trigger 1



FLOOD ALERT



Met Office Yellow Weather Warning



Community telemetry, e.g. river level sensor

What to do at this stage

Flooding is possible.
Stay vigilant and make early preparations for a potential flood.

- Monitor the situation through forecasts, local radio stations and monitoring stations.
- Send a communication out that a flood alert/Met Office Yellow Warning has been issued.

Community flood group actions

- Monitor the situation through forecasts, local radio stations and monitoring stations.
- Check that any community level defences are ready to go and available to deploy if required.
- Contact all flood wardens and the flood group to be on standby.

Trigger 2



FLOOD WARNING



Met Office Amber Weather Warning



Community telemetry, e.g. river level sensor

What to do at this stage

Flooding is expected.
Immediate action is required to protect yourself and your property.

- Continue to monitor the situation.
- Warn and inform the community that flooding is expected and to deploy any PFR.
- Activate community flood plan.

Community flood group actions

- Contact the community to notify them that a warning has been issued.
- Deploy flood wardens and community flood defences.
- Wardens should help the vulnerable to deploy their PFR and prepare for a flood.

Trigger 3



SEVERE FLOOD WARNING



Met Office Red Weather Warning



Community telemetry, e.g. river level sensor

What to do at this stage

Severe flooding is expected and is likely to cause significant risk to life and destruction of property.

- Send out a communication that evacuations are taking place and provide the address of the evacuation centre.
- Prepare to evacuate and cooperate with the emergency services.

Community flood group actions

- Ensure residents are safe.
- Help vulnerable residents to evacuate.
- Complete evacuation checklist and give to emergency services.

Contact details of key relevant parties

| Individual/Organisation | Phone Number | Out of Hours (if applicable) | Website, e-mail and notes |
|---|--|---|---|
| Pete Bell – flood warden | 07549155711 | | gargravea65@gmail.com |
| Tim Chronnell – flood warden | 07766051273 | | thechronnells@outlook.com |
| EA Floodline- advice on alerts and warnings issued | 0345 988 1188 | | www.environment-agency.gov.uk |
| EA Enquiries – ‘peacetime’ enquiries | 03708 506 506 | | enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk |
| NYC Customer Services | 0300 131 2131 | | Emergency@northyorks.gov.uk |
| UK Government Flood Websites Due to be live in Autumn 2025 | | | www.gov.uk/flood https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk getfloodwarnings@environment-agency.gov.uk |
| National Flood Forum | 01299 403055 | | www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk |
| Yorkshire Water -Emergency Report a leak Priority Services | 0845 124 2424 0800 573 553 0800 138 7878 | | |
| Yorkshire Gas & Power | 0113 856 0056 | | |
| National Grid - Emergency | 0800 011 332 | 0800 111 999 - Gas 0845 733 1331 - Electricity | |
| Northern Powergrid - Power Cut | 105 | 105 | |
| Northern Powergrid Emergency 24hrs | 0845 070 7172 0800 375 675 | | |
| Gargrave Parish Council | 01756 668209 | | gargravepc@yahoo.com |