

Ansty Parish Community Emergency Plan

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**Prepared by Ansty Parish Council
in conjunction with
Wiltshire Council's Operational Flood Working Group.**

In association with the Environment Agency, Wessex Water, SSE/OVO and the professional emergency services.

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Some pages are currently under review for 2021/22

Introduction

One of Central Government's main objectives way back in 2010/11 was to reduce the risk from large scale emergencies so that people could go about their lives freely and with confidence. This aim was endorsed by Wiltshire Council and then handed down to us at parish level. It is essentially about self-resilience and common sense that has probably always existed here in Ansty!

For Ansty our local 'Emergency Plan' is about:

Identifying and assessing risks

- identifying and assessing risks from natural hazards (floods, storms, fallen trees, snow, landslips etc. even a pandemic!)
- identifying and assessing risks caused by the built environment (loss of utilities - water or electricity)

Boosting our Community Resilience:

- Community resilience is about parish communities using local resources and knowledge to help themselves during an emergency in a way that complements the County emergency services.
- implementing measures to improve our standards of resilience
- ensuring continuity and community input measures
- information sharing
- understanding interdependencies

Helping us all assess how prepared our community is and what we can do should an emergency arise.

- Are we aware of the risks that you and our community might face, e.g. flooding?
- How best can we help ourselves and those around us during an emergency?
- What can we do to become involved in emergency planning in our community?

The coronavirus pandemic which began in late 2019 and is still with us showed just how ill-prepared we were to tackle just one large scale emergency , largely because there was no actual plan at any level!

1. The Ansty Parish Community Emergency Plan

- Planning for emergencies is an important job for the professional organisations who respond to incidents, but it is also important for local communities like Ansty to think about how we may be able to assist the emergency services and other responders.
- The main way of doing this is to create a 'community emergency plan'. This can be as simple as a contact list for key people within the community, or a more comprehensive plan which covers the emergencies which are most likely to occur in your area (rather than just the absolute worst-case scenarios) and how our community might respond to them. Our local knowledge is also very important to the professional organisations who will be responding to the situation.
- Information such as where floods are likely to happen most often, what roads could be made inaccessible by snow, how badly a power cut would affect our community and where the nearest places of safety are (village/community hall etc.) can greatly help the emergency services, Wiltshire Council and other groups.
- Ansty has a watercourse running through it which is deemed at risk of flooding and is identified by the Environmental Agency as a 'Flood Zone 3'. As a result we must include a separate local flood plan in place for dealing with a potential flooding emergency, however unlikely the potential threat appears to be. The parish flood plan is similar to the parish community emergency plan and is included as item 2 in this document.
- Having recorded details beforehand could potentially save a lot of time if the information is needed quickly when responding to any emergency.

Ansty Parish Community Emergency Group Volunteers. Emergency Contact List (Generic)

If you would like to volunteer to offer any kind of assistance in the unlikely event of an emergency affecting our Ansty community, we would love to hear from you. Please contact our parish clerk: email: anstyclerk@gmail.com

Ansty Parish Council retains a list of names, contact details and assigned volunteer roles as well as other useful contacts. Subject to change and revision.

Name	Volunteer Roles	Assigned Task(s) Any Emergency	Phone number/email address
Initial Contacts: For any emergency: Tim Martin , Chairman, Ansty Parish Council anneandtimmartin@gmail.com	1 Voluntary Overall Emergency Coordinating Officer	Main link with assistants. Based in Ansty High St. The Overall Emergency Officer is responsible for contacting appropriate authorities if need be	mark.norris@btinternet.com 07500 837813 01747 870922
	2 Assistant emergency volunteer Officer	Volunteer Officer operating as a backup if Overall Emergency Officer is unavailable. Based in High St.	anneandtimmartin@gmail.com
Flood & emergency: Mark Norris , Councillor Flood Officer, Ansty Parish Council mark.norris@btinternet.com	3 Assistant emergency volunteer Officer	Assistant emergency volunteer (based in the Ansty Coombe Lane area) who reports to and assists the other Officers if necessary and is also responsible for Ansty website updates if needed	
	4 etc.		
<i>We should have a small, assembled team ready, willing, and able to help should any emergency arise within the parish of Ansty.</i>	5		
Under review			

Typical Emergency: FLOOD; SNOW&ICE; STORM DAMAGE; UTILITIES FAILURE; LOCAL PANDEMIC

- **Volunteers must not put their own lives at risk.**
- **Volunteers must avoid working alone; working in pairs or a bigger group is the safe thing to do.**
- **Volunteers must wear appropriate clothing and use appropriate tools (with adequate training)**
- **A property owner is responsible for their property and whilst the Flood/Emergency Officer and other volunteers can assist, they have no authority over the property owner**

Local Risk Assessment

Risks	Impact on Ansty	What can the Ansty Community Emergency Group do to prepare?
1. GENERAL EMERGENCY PLAN		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snow and Ice • Storms: fallen trees; debris on roads/lanes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify local access issues • Check residents have access to heating • Identify location of fallen trees and debris 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check gritting bin locations (4) • Check Wiltshire Council have filled grit bins • Identify local farmers with snow ploughs/gritting equipment • Check safety of vulnerable residents • If possible, identified volunteer removes fallen tree • Where safe to do so volunteers remove debris from quiet lanes. Inform Wiltshire Council if the High Street needs clearing.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilities failure: • Prolonged Power Cuts • Widespread Water Supply/Leak Problems • Septic tank issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents can't get heat, light, or hot water • Residents unable to cook food. Fridges/Freezers defrost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify volunteers available to check safety and needs of vulnerable residents – neighbour network.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible local pandemic (e.g. coronavirus) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some residents not able to get to pharmacy for medication. NHS issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify volunteers who can collect and deliver medicines for people who are vulnerable / live alone. Access Government Advice.
2. FLOOD EMERGENCY PLAN		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stream through Ansty village might flood • (Flood Zone 3 as identified by the Environmental Agency) • Blocked drains/culverts/ditches etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibility of property flooding • Potential of localised flooding on High Street • Flash flooding along Ansty Coombe Lane and Frogpond 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify volunteers available to check safety and needs of vulnerable residents – neighbour network. • Ensure Environmental Agency flood alerts posted on village website • Encourage property and watercourse owners to maintain watercourses and home flood defences. • Notify Highways Dept. in autumn of gullies/culverts that are blocked

Local Skills and Resources: Useful Contacts

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Skill/Resource	Who?	Contact Details	Location	Availability?
Trained First Aider				
4x4 owner/driver				
Small tractor driver				
Power tools				
Flood Officers				

Key locations identified with emergency services for use as a place of safety

Building	Location	Potential use in an emergency	Contact details of key holder
St James' Church, Ansty	South Ansty High St, near Ansty Pond	Local Muster Point/Shelter First Aid Box	Church Warden

List of Ansty community organisations that may be useful in an emergency

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Organisation	Name and role of local contact	Phone Number/email address
St James' Church, Ansty	Church Warden:	Lesley Simm
Tisbury & District Link Scheme		Email: tisburylink@gmail.com 07484 284 670

Ansty Community Emergency Group first meeting agenda

		Brief Comments	Check
Date:			
Time:			
Attendees:			
1. Current Situation			
Location of Emergency: Is it near:			
A vulnerable area?			
A main access route?			
Type of Emergency?			
Threat to life?			
Have the utilities been affected?			
Are there any elderly involved?			
Are there any families with children involved?			
2. Resources needed			
Food?			
Off Road Vehicles?			
Blankets?			
Shelter?			
3. Have we:			
Established contact with Emergency Services?			
How can we best support the Emergency Services?			
What actions can be safely taken?			
Who is taking the lead for agreed actions?			
Any other issues?			

Emergency Coordinating Officer(s) checklist and debriefing notes

After an Emergency: Local Contractors

Company Name	Business	Location	Contact	Website
Marshalls	Plumbing/Heating	Tisbury	01747871455	No website
Underwoods	Electrical	Tisbury	01747870423	https://www.underwoodstisbury.co.uk/
Rob Beale LTD	Septic tank/Waste/	Ansty	01747871464	http://www.robbeale.co.uk/

Other Local Contractors may be suggested. Please contact: anstyclerk@gmail.com

After an Emergency: Ansty Parish Council Review on Emergency Procedures:

Did our emergency risk reduction/resilience measures work effectively?

Did our planned procedures during an emergency offer the right support to where it was needed?

Were there any intangibles?

How might we improve our parish emergency plan?

2. The Ansty Parish Local Flood Emergency Plan

Ansty Parish Council retains a list of names, contact details and assigned volunteer roles as well as other useful contacts.
This section under review.

- All parish councils with a watercourse through it which are deemed at risk of flooding as identified by the Environmental Agency must have a local flood plan in place for a potential flooding emergency.
- A narrow area either side of the Ansty Stream from just north of the Hollow to Ansty Water (and beyond) is identified by the Environmental Agency as a flood zone 3. There has always been a small potential flooding risk in this zone and this is likely to increase if the current climate change trend continues.
- To try and avoid such unlikely flood issues arising. This could involve a ‘community approach’ by riparian (watercourse/stream) owners and others monitoring potential problem areas and taking ‘common sense’ proactive maintenance measures to reduce the likelihood of any kind of flooding event. Wiltshire Council refers to this as resilience measures.
- Riparian owners in Ansty are responsible for maintaining the stream bed and banks within their section of the watercourse. Click here for more details: [Owning a watercourse](#)
- Property Owners in Ansty (as anywhere else) are responsible for looking after their own property, including reducing the risks of water entering it and of causing damage. Therefore, it is important that people are aware of their flood risk and take measures to better protect themselves, where appropriate. Click here for more details: [Flooding: who is responsible for what](#)
- Should flooding ever occur there needs to be a well-rehearsed coordinated reactive approach between the Ansty parish council, individual parishioners (who might be affected) and Wiltshire’s civil emergencies procedures.

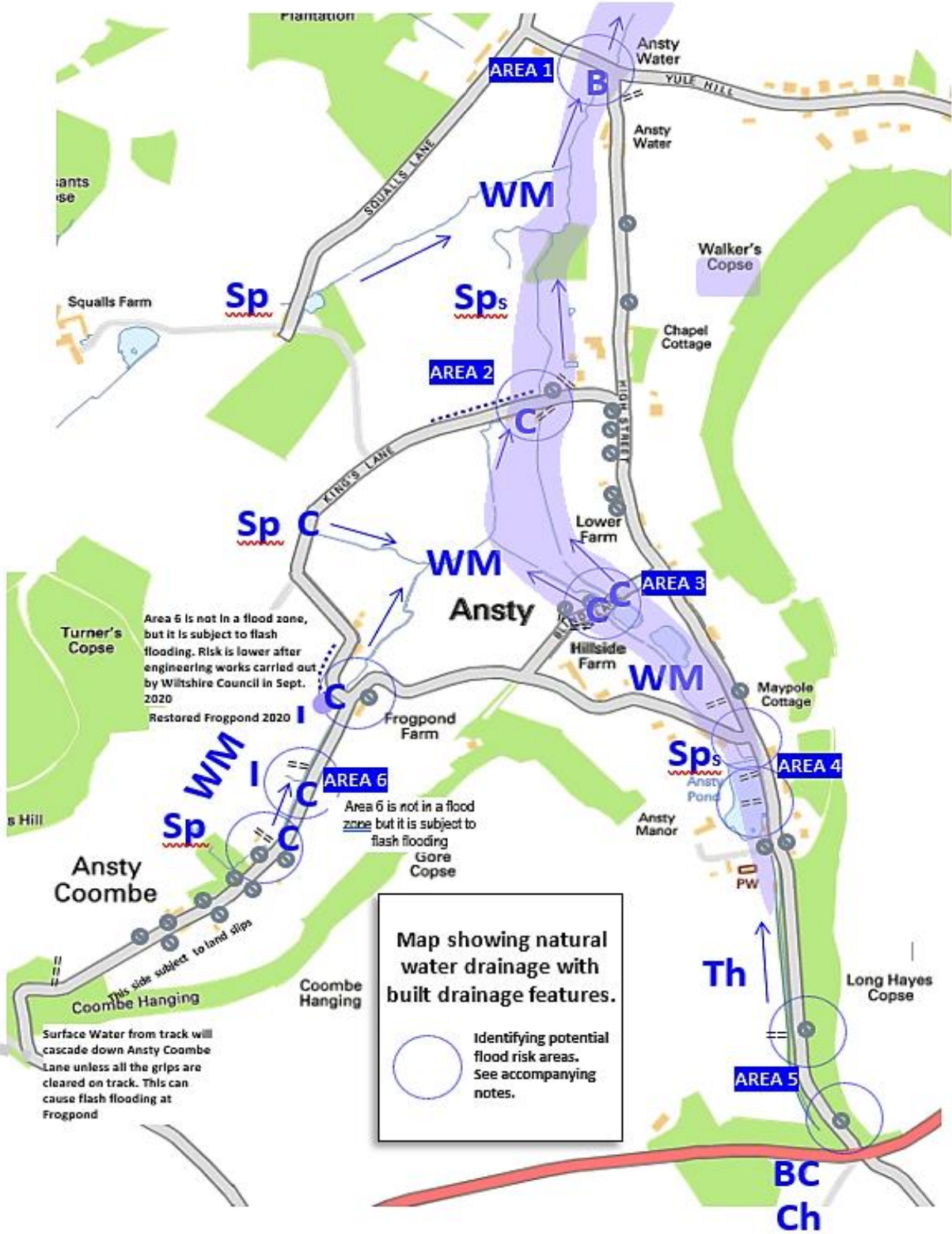
Click [here](#) to view how we assessed the potential flood risk areas in the parish of Ansty as identified by the Environment Agency in order to draw up our Emergency Flood Plan.

A schematic map showing Ansty Village Flood Zone 3 (Divided into Areas)

Land assessed as having a 1 in 100 or greater annual probability of river flooding (>1%)

Click below for [accurate maps](#) and more [technical detail](#).
Information from Gov.UK
[Potential flood risk information for Ansty](#)

As it is, no property has flooded in Ansty's flood zone 3 for a very long time, but we are advised by Wiltshire Council to prepare for the very worst-case scenario!



===	Dug out gully drain	⊙	Road Drain	BC	Bridge/Culvert	WM	Wet Meadow
.....	Verge Ditch	I	Issues	Sp _s	Spring/s	Ch	Channelled Stream
Th	Thicket strip	Map Information updated 2021				→	Direction of Stream flow

Before a flood event our Internal Emergency Flood Plan indicates:

- Simple Flood Risk Mitigation Measures or Flood Resilience Measures
- A list of riparian (watercourse/stream) owners in Ansty
- A list of local volunteers/flood Officers in the unlikely event of a flood/emergency event.
This list is subject to periodic change.
- The Role of a Flood/Emergency Officer
- The Role of a Flood Emergency Volunteer

During a Flood Event our Emergency Plan will identify:

- Actions to be taken in the unlikely event of a flood
- A List of people who may need assistance during a flood event
- Available Resources to aid actions during a Flood
- Important Contacts for any Flooding

After an Emergency Flood Event our Flood Plan we hope to establish:

- A list of current local Contractors. This may change!
- The need for a review of how successful our Flood Plan was

Before a possible Flood Event. Flood Risk Mitigation Measures or Flood Resilience Measures.

Possible Flood risk area	Trigger level	Actions to reduce risk before possible flood event	Likely source of flooding	Direction of flooding
1 Ansty Water	Water backing up against road culvert at T Junction; road flooding	Landowners to keep stream to south and north of bridge clear of debris, vegetation, and excessive silt. Keep bridge/culvert free of silt/debris Wilts Council ensure adjacent road gullies are kept clear.	Ansty water stream channel partially blocked; blocked drains and gulleys	Water flows from south to north
2 Lower Kings Lane	Drain doesn't sump; Road starts flooding at lowest point. Very unlikely chance of property flooding	Landowners to keep stream to south and north of culvert clear. Wilts Council ensure adjacent road gullies are kept clear. Endeavour to get Wiltshire Council to improve road camber	Ansty stream; Blocked drains, ditches and gulleys; saturated flood plain upstream	Water flows from south to north
3 Lower Blind Lane	Nearby pond rises; ditches full; stream channel bank full; one property in likely danger of flooding	Landowners to keep all stream channels to south and to north beyond the property clear & free running. Wilts Council ensure adjacent road culverts, gullies and connecting pipes are kept clear.	Ansty stream; Blocked drains, ditches and gulleys; saturated flood plain upstream	Water flows from south to north
4 Ansty Pond & Maypole area	Stream becomes bank full; roads flood in vicinity of Maypole and along High St. Ansty Pond bank subject to seepage	Landowners keep stream run-off from Pond Zone and side of pond clear of debris and vegetation. Ensure Ansty Pond bank retains its integrity. Keep stream channel to south and north of lower Ansty Coombe Lane culvert clear. Wilts Council ensure adjacent drains, rat holes and culverts are kept clear.	Ansty stream; Blocked drains, ditches and gulleys; debris blocking roadside stream flow causing water to backup. Unlikely possibility of part of medieval Ansty Pond bank slipping away adding to possible risk	Water flows from south to north
5 Long Hayes (not in Flood Zone)	Blocked drains cause road to flood	Wilts Council ensure adjacent drains, road gullies and culverts are kept clear	Blocked drains causing fast section of High Street near to main A30 road junction to flood	Standing water (potentially causing an accident)
6 Ansty Coombe & Frogpond (not in Flood Zone)	When land is saturated: after heavy rain, water cascades down lane. Stream source between The Hundred and 99 becomes a torrent on lane in times of exceptional rain or long wet period. Recent stream source flash floods off field above Ansty Coombe Farm Properties have been affected by flash flooding in the immediate past (mid 1980s)	Stream watercourse must be kept cleared and free running from source to entrance into water meadow beyond Frogpond Bend/Kings Lane junction. Top of lane earth 'soak off' gully must be kept dug out. Wilts Council to ensure all drains on lane are cleared and remain cleared to take up excess water. Frogpond culvert not fit for purpose.	Saturated land and heavy sustained rainfall of an inch or more over a short space of time will lead to flash flooding by roadside stream. Other streams/issues flood off surrounding fields from Ansty Coombe farm downwards. Blocked grips on top track and top of Coombe Lane hill will all cause flash flooding Blocked culverts, drains, ditches and gulleys.	Rapid stream flow from southwest to northeast in times of flash flooding.

List of riparian (watercourse/stream) properties in Ansty

Ansty Parish Council retains a list of 12 properties owning part of a watercourse in Ansty.

Name	Address	Daytime telephone	Mobile	

All riparian owners have certain responsibilities and rules to follow for watercourses on or near your property, and permissions may need to be sought to do work in or around them.

Click here for the details: [Owning a watercourse](#)

A list of local flood Officers/standby volunteers in the unlikely event of a flood event. This list is subject to periodic change.

Name	Address	Telephone	Mobile	Responsibility	Checking on vulnerable residents, properties, and locations	Known place of safety

Ansty Parish Council retains a list of standby volunteers in the unlikely event of a flood event. Subject to review.

- **Volunteers must not put their own lives at risk.**
- **Avoid working alone where working in pairs or a bigger group is the safe thing to do**
- **A property owner is responsible for their property and whilst the Flood Warden and volunteers can assist, they have no authority over the property owner**

Role of a Flood Officer:

- A Flood Officer will keep an eye on the current situation as indicated by the Environmental Agency Flood Risk map or ‘Floodline Warnings Direct’ as well as on the ground.
- In the event of a possible flooding event a Flood Officer will alert the overall coordinating officer and then check on residents who may need assistance and properties in their locations. If necessary, volunteers will ensure that any resident is escorted to a place of safety. Flood Officer and volunteers must debrief at the end of a flooding event.
- The Flood Officer will also keep the Flood Risk Mitigation Measures under review and report back to the Parish Council on a periodic basis, say twice yearly, but more frequently if the situation requires it. The Parish Council will countenance the correct measures to deal with possible problems.
- The Flood Officer is not necessarily required to undertake the Flood Risk Mitigation Measures themselves, but to work with the Parish Council to get the required maintenance and renewal undertaken.

Role of a standby volunteer:

- Standby volunteers will take their directions from the overall volunteer Emergency Coordinating Officer in conjunction with the volunteer flood Officers and be ready to go to their chosen location to check on residents who may need assistance, their properties and assess other courses of action. If necessary, vulnerable neighbours should be escorted to a known place of safety. They must report their actions via telephone/mobile/word of mouth to the overall volunteer coordinating officer.

These same people may also perform a similar role in other emergencies such as storm damage, power cuts etc.

Actions to be taken in the event of a flood

Possible Flood risk area	Trigger level	Local Action	Equipment that may be required	Location/Access for equipment?
		Flood Officer alert volunteers to check on their designated area (1 – 6)		
1 Ansty Water	Water backing up against road culvert at T Junction; road flooding	Assess. Check on neighbours at Ansty Water. Decide whether to evacuate to a known place of safety. Erect warning signs if possible and prevent avoidable damage (by providing sandbags) Report to Flood Officer on current situation and engage emergency services if needed.	Rope, Torch; High Viz Jacket. Possible access to road flood signage; water pump, Sandbags, Access to Defibrillator, Big brooms, Shovels, Wheelbarrows	
2 Lower Kings Lane	Drain doesn't sump; Road starts flooding at lowest point. Very unlikely chance of property flooding	Assess. Check on neighbours at Ansty Water. Decide whether to evacuate to a known place of safety. Erect warning signs if possible and prevent avoidable damage (by providing sandbags) Report to Flood Officer on current situation and engage emergency services if needed.	Rope, Torch; High Viz Jacket. Possible access to road flood signage; water pump, Sandbags, Access to Defibrillator, Big brooms, Shovels Wheelbarrows	
3 Lower Blind Lane	Nearby pond rises; ditches full; stream becomes bank full 1 property in potential danger of flooding	Assess. Check on neighbours at foot of Blind Lane Decide whether to evacuate to a known place of safety. Erect warning signs if possible and prevent avoidable damage (by providing sandbags) Report to Flood Officer on current situation and engage emergency services if needed.	Rope, Torch; High Viz Jacket. Possible access to road flood signage; water pump, Sandbags, Defibrillator, Big brooms, Shovels Wheelbarrows	
4 Ansty Pond & Maypole area	Stream becomes bank full; roads potentially flood in vicinity of Maypole and along part of High St. Ansty Pond bank subject to seepage Drains fill up	Assess and report to Flood Officer on current situation. Engage emergency services if needed. (Not likely)	Rope, Torch; High Viz Jacket. Possible access to road flood signage; water pump, Sandbags, Access to Defibrillator, Big brooms, Shovels Wheelbarrows	
5 Long Hayes (not in Flood Zone)	Blocked drains cause road to flood	Assess. Call on Parish Steward	Install road signage. Try to unblock drain (futile I know). Shovel, Broom; High Viz jacket	
6 Ansty Coombe & Frogpond (not in Flood Zone)	Saturated land; water cascading down road Stream source between The Hundred and 99 becomes a torrent in times of exceptional rain or long wet period. Stream source above Coombe Farm has potential to flash flood the lane Properties have been affected by flash flooding in the immediate past (mid 1980s)	Assess. Check on neighbours and their properties in Ansty Coombe. Possibly two vulnerable properties. Report to Flood Officer on current situation and engage emergency services if needed.	Rope, Torch; High Viz Jacket. Possible access to road flood signage; water pump, Sandbags, Access to Defibrillator, Big brooms, Shovels Wheelbarrows	

List of properties that may need assistance during any emergency (such as storm damage, prolonged power cuts etc.) including a flood emergency

Name	Address	Telephone	Mobile	Assistance required

Ansty Parish Council retains a list of watercourse properties in Ansty.

Only one property in Ansty is deemed at risk from flooding from a watercourse within the Flood Zone 3 zone. This property already has its own Home Plan.

Available Resources to aid actions during a Flood or an Emergency

Organisation	Resource	Contact	Location	Notes

Some Important Contacts for any Emergency including Flooding

Organisation	Contact	Telephone
Ansty Parish Council	anstyclerk@gmail.com	???
Floodline		0345 988 1188
Environment Agency Flood Information (Wiltshire)		
Wiltshire Council		0300 456 0100 (only emergencies)
Dorset & Wilts Fire Service		999
Police		999
Ambulance Service		999
Wiltshire Environment/Health		
Wessex water		0345 600 4 600
SSE/OVO Electricity		0800 072 7282
Local Septic Tank Operator	Rob Beale	01747 871464
Adjacent Parish Councils: Tisbury Swallowcliffe		
Owning a Watercourse		

After a Flood: Reputable Contractors

Company Name	Business	Location	Contact	Website

After a Flood: Ansty Parish Council Review of our local Flood Plan procedures.

- Did our risk flood risk reduction/resilience measures work effectively?**
- Did our planned procedures during a flood offer the right support to where it was needed?**
- Were there any intangibles?**
- How might we improve our parish flood plan?**