

## **Flood Group Report to Croscombe Parish Council for January 2025**

We are currently working to make an application for funding flood reduction projects from the Somerset Rivers Authority. The projects are described below.

We are progressing projects to attenuate flood flows, a boulder trap before the culvert and an access manhole on the culvert to remove blockages. A scheme to divert flood water from the upper areas of Old Street Lane is being developed but is seen as a longer term project.

We have dropped the scheme to install a Trash Screen at the entrance to the culvert due to cost and hydraulic losses possibly causing flooding.

A survey is to be undertaken by the Environment Agency to determine the riparian owners of the culvert. At the same time as the survey it is hoped that a blockage in the culvert will be removed. We have been given a tipping bucket storm rainfall gauge by the Environment Agency. A site has yet to be secured and software will also be required to link with the internet.

Work to remove large stones upstream of the culvert and at the exit of the culvert has been postponed due to high water levels. It is hoped that river levels will fall sufficiently if there is a long dry period.

Advice has been sought from our MP Tessa Munt on responsibility for improving the capacity of the culvert and then to undertake a study of options. An approach has also been made to Bristol University for advice on improving the culvert capacity.

Recent rain storms have been monitored by Wardens who receive flood alerts. No flooding has occurred in the last month. John Owen has been reviewing the Warden Procedures and has now taken on the role of Senior Flood Coordinator. As Coordinator he will call out wardens as required.

Walkie Talkies are on order these are being sponsored by Local Estate Agents Sandersons. There will be six sets available which will be located in the George Inn.

Paul Hodge

Chairman of Croscombe Flood Group

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