

Notes from a meeting held on 6th February 2025 to discuss the  
Earby Flood Warden Community Scheme

Present

Councillor D. Whipp	Pendle Borough Council (PBC)
Councillor S. Land	PBC
Councillor M. Strickland	PBC
D. Walker	Assistant Director Operational Services, PBC
S. Whalley	Engineering Manager, PBC

Concern raised at West Craven Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> January regarding there not being an adequate community group in Earby to cover flood risks.

Group Members

Current lead Peter Hampson supported by Steph. 2 active members.  
Uncertainty around previous group members.  
Unsure listed contractors still available to support community action

Sandbag availability

Sandbag stores located New Road Community Centre and Skipton Road next to Station Hotel.  
Group unable to clarify if stores contained supply of sandbags for public use.  
Skipton Road –locked.  
Community Centre container reported to be open.

Barriers

Water Street. No access to barriers.

Pump

Stored in Booth Street container. No access to container. Key changed.  
Group unsure if pump had been maintained or tested post pandemic period.

Surface water issues

Reported surface water on Water Street was flowing into combined sewer. Surface water sewer collapsed.  
Combined sewer discharged effluent during heavy rainfall/flooding.

Earby Town Council

Reported to have advised they would not provide sandbags or funding for flood alleviation activities.  
Members would not be involved in flood warden activity

Environment Agency

Willing to refresh arrangements and support group.  
Currently contact Peter Hampson with updates and alerts

Actions

1. S. Whalley to speak to Phil Guy regarding pump, maintenance, access and deployment.
2. Cllr Strickland volunteered to speak with Fire and Rescue Earby. Volunteer event, training and arrangement of informal agreement for teams to deploy barriers when needed.
3. Add YW sewer issues to WC Committee so they can raise improvement needs with YW.
4. S. Whalley to contact EA. EA to be asked to lead in arrangements to seek support from Fire and Rescue and Earby Town Council.
5. EA already contacted regarding automated alerts within improved flood resistance areas. Re-calibrate monitors if possible.