



## PRESS RELEASE

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### Flood Fair

**Marlborough Town Council in partnership with Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire & Swindon Prepared is hosting a Flood Fair at Marlborough Town Hall on Saturday, 19 October from 10am to 2pm.**

Marlborough sits in the valley of the River Kennet in the North Wessex Downs National Landscape, a truly beautiful setting.

For some, however, this means that properties and land in low-lying parts of the town are at risk of flooding.

This risk is present all year round. As winter approaches, however, flood risk is heightened due to increased likelihood of rainfall which could cause groundwater to rise, the River Kennet to burst its banks and surface water to build up on highways.

We've done a lot since the awful floods of January 2024 caused by Storm Henk, recruiting and training volunteer flood wardens and reviewing our flood plans, all working closely with agencies such as the Environment Agency, Thames Water, Wiltshire Council's Highways, Drainage and Emergency Response teams, the emergency services and Wiltshire & Swindon Prepared. With our partners, we've hosted meetings at the Town Hall with affected residents to collectively understand what happened in January, get their feedback, answer their questions and to offer advice and support.

Now, with winter approaching, a leaflet has been distributed to properties and businesses at risk containing practical advice such as who to call, how to sign up for flood alerts and how to prepare a personal flood plan. As well as the leaflet, to help people who have been flooded or who may be concerned about flooding in future, we're holding a drop-in flood fair at the Town Hall on Saturday, 19 October where people can find out more about how to make their properties more resilient.

We know local and national press followed the January events very closely, therefore we thought you would be interested in this update on actions taken since that time and the continuing support we are offering to help our community prepare for future flood incidents.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

*Richard Spencer-Williams*

**Richard Spencer Williams, PSLCC**  
**Town Clerk**

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## Notes to editors

The principal contact for any queries relating to the flood fair is Deputy Town Clerk, Clare Williams, who can be reached by email at [cwilliams@marlborough-tc.gov.uk](mailto:cwilliams@marlborough-tc.gov.uk). Please note she's taking a short holiday until Tuesday, 8 October when she'll be back in the office and able to reply to any of your enquiries direct.

For general enquiries, please use [enquiries@marlborough-tc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@marlborough-tc.gov.uk).

The flooding information and advice **leaflet** distributed to all at-risk premises in the town is available to download at <https://www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/council/flooding>

Wiltshire Council's flood information page can be found at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/civil-emergencies-flooding>

More about Wiltshire & Swindon Prepared: <https://wiltshireandswindonprepared.org.uk/risk-groups/risks/flooding>

# Marlborough Flood Fair



**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024**  
**10am – 2pm**  
**The Town Hall, Marlborough**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

Were you affected by the flooding caused by Storm Henk in January 2024?

Do you want to find out how to make your home or business more resilient to flooding?

Come along and find out more

For more information, please contact  
Marlborough Town Council on 01672 512487  
or email [cwilliams@marlborough-tc.gov.uk](mailto:cwilliams@marlborough-tc.gov.uk)



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