



BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP REPORT **(NOVEMBER 2020)**

SUMMARY OF THE PAST MONTH

1. What a difference a year makes! This time last year we had already been through two storms (26-28 October and 14-18 November), which had affected traffic wanting to use the Ketch Lane junction, and were approaching a third (16-18 December). Thankfully, this year the weather has not added to the problems created by Covid-19. The conveyor belt of minor storms crossing the country over the past month have brought some rain, but have had little effect on local watercourses, with water levels remaining low.

TRANSFER TO THE NEW COMMITTEE

2. Following the recent call for new members, more volunteers have come forward to join the Group, and especially to contribute to the essential maintenance carried out by working parties between April and October each year. The hope is that, if there are enough core members, it will be possible to introduce a rota system which will spread the load significantly. There is still plenty of room for more volunteers, so please give any member of the proposed new Committee a call if you think you could spare some time in whatever capacity.

3. Work continues behind the scenes updating contact lists, taking over equipment, etc. and many members will have had direct contact from one or more members of the proposed Committee as they familiarise themselves with the Group's administration. As part of this, a formal notice has been sent to members calling for them to vote for the new Committee. The deadline is midday on Tuesday, 1 December and the results will be posted on the Parish Website and in the next *Newsletter*, so watch this space!

4. As always, if you want to be added to the mailing list, please let the Secretary (elect) know (secbfpg@gmail.com or 797305). We look forward to a bright start to 2021, but meantime be assured that the BFPG will be working behind the scenes to be ready for whatever the weather brings!

TREASURER'S REPORT

5. At the end of October the balance in the Group's account was £5,047.96. There was no expenditure during November, but the income from sale of the trailer was £40.00, so the new balance is £5,087.96.

SOCIAL AND FUND-RAISING EVENTS

6. Covid-19 restrictions obviously mean that no social or fundraising activities are possible at the moment and, unfortunately, this is unlikely to change in the immediate future. However, members of the proposed new Committee have been seeking volunteers to get involved as soon as the Covid-19 situation improves. They have been delighted with the response which means that there are now volunteers ready to get moving as soon as we can!

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