



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

SUMMARY OF THE PAST MONTH

1. Although we have had some rain over the past month, and there is always the possibility that a major thunderstorm may bring a flash flood, the flood risk has continued to be very low indeed.

MONTHLY MEETING

2. The Group's monthly Meeting, due to have been held this evening (Tuesday, 30 June), has, of course, been cancelled because of the coronavirus Covid-19 restrictions and future meetings have also been cancelled until further notice.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3. The Group's AGM is due to be held on Tuesday, 25 August, but at present we are not sure whether or not Covid-19 restrictions will allow the Meeting to take place at Siward James. Meanwhile, the Secretary has contacted all current Area Representatives and Sandbag Cage Keyholders and asked if they would be prepared to remain in post for a further year. A number have already replied and I should like to thank all those who have kindly said that they will be happy to do so. I should remind you that **the posts of Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Operations Officer will also be open for re-election and I would ask any member who would like to take on any of these roles to please contact the Secretary as soon as possible, and by no later than 18 August.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

4. The balance in the Group's account at the end of May stood at £5,011.16. Income during June comprised a generous donation of £20, while expenditure amounted to £13.20 to pay for replacement blades for one of the BFPG's strimmers. The balance therefore now stands at £5,017.96, excluding the VAT refund of £5.99 due from the purchase of DPC.

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

5. On the morning of 22 June I 'walked the Brook' from the Lugg up to the Golf Course for a second time. Although vegetation on the banks has grown considerably over the past month, there was nothing in, or across, the stream to give any cause for concern. Anything that looked as though it might create a future problem, I cut back as I went. Overall, therefore, as I mentioned last month, the floods over the Winter have been something of a blessing in disguise because they have scoured the stream bed and there is still no sign of watercress or other weeds which might justify spraying.

6. As I also mentioned in my last report, the main issue is the damage done by the floods to flood defences along the stretch of the Brook between the Brockington Road bridge and Millcroft Farm where the stream bed is now littered with even more large stones and dislodged paving slabs than before. These make walking along the Brook a bit more hazardous than in the past, but are not impeding its flow, so once again my assessment is that there is no need for us to attempt ‘socially distanced’ working parties for the time being. However, as always, we will keep this under review.

FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS

7. There is still no change to the programme, which, subject to all the usual caveats, remains that:

a. **Annual Bonfire Party**. The Bonfire Party will be held on **Saturday, 10 October at 6.00pm at Millcroft Farm**.

b. **Annual Quiz Night**. The Quiz Night is planned for **Friday, 27 November** in the Parish Hall.

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