

## Southern Community Engagement Forum

February 2016

Dear Parish Councillor,

I am writing to you as Chair of the Southern Community Engagement Forum to invite you to attend a special event we are holding for all Parish Council in our area.

The event is to address Flood Mitigation, providing the relevant support and training to ensure your Parish Council has everything in place.

The event will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 6.30pm at Eggborough Sports and Social Club. Food and refreshments will be provided.

Attending the event will be -

- Wendy Muldoon & Robin Derry from Emergency Planning at North Yorkshire County Council.
- Wayne Palmer Lead Officer Environmental Health from Selby District Council

Together they will provide an overview of what assistance is available and provide practical support.

Communities with local knowledge, enthusiasm and information are a great asset and a Community Emergency Plan can help. Simple community emergency plans are designed to identify:

- a coordination/meeting point (e.g. village hall).
- short-term safe refuge places for people displaced from their homes.
- emergency volunteers.
- useful emergency equipment.
- vulnerable people in the community.
- useful emergency contacts.

A simple template will be available in order to create a plan and assistance will be available on the evening to complete your own Parish Plan. Also available will be emergency bags that can be given to Parishes on completion of a plan and information about storing sandbags within villages.

We also hope to have in attendance someone from the Environment Agency who co-ordinate Flood Wardens.

The invitation is open to as many members of your Parish Council as you wish to have attending.

Please email Janine [jjenkinson@selby.gov.uk](mailto:jjenkinson@selby.gov.uk) to confirm your attendance.

I look forward to seeing you at the event.

With best wishes,

Cllr Mike Jordan  
Chair, Southern Community Engagement Forum