

Flooding

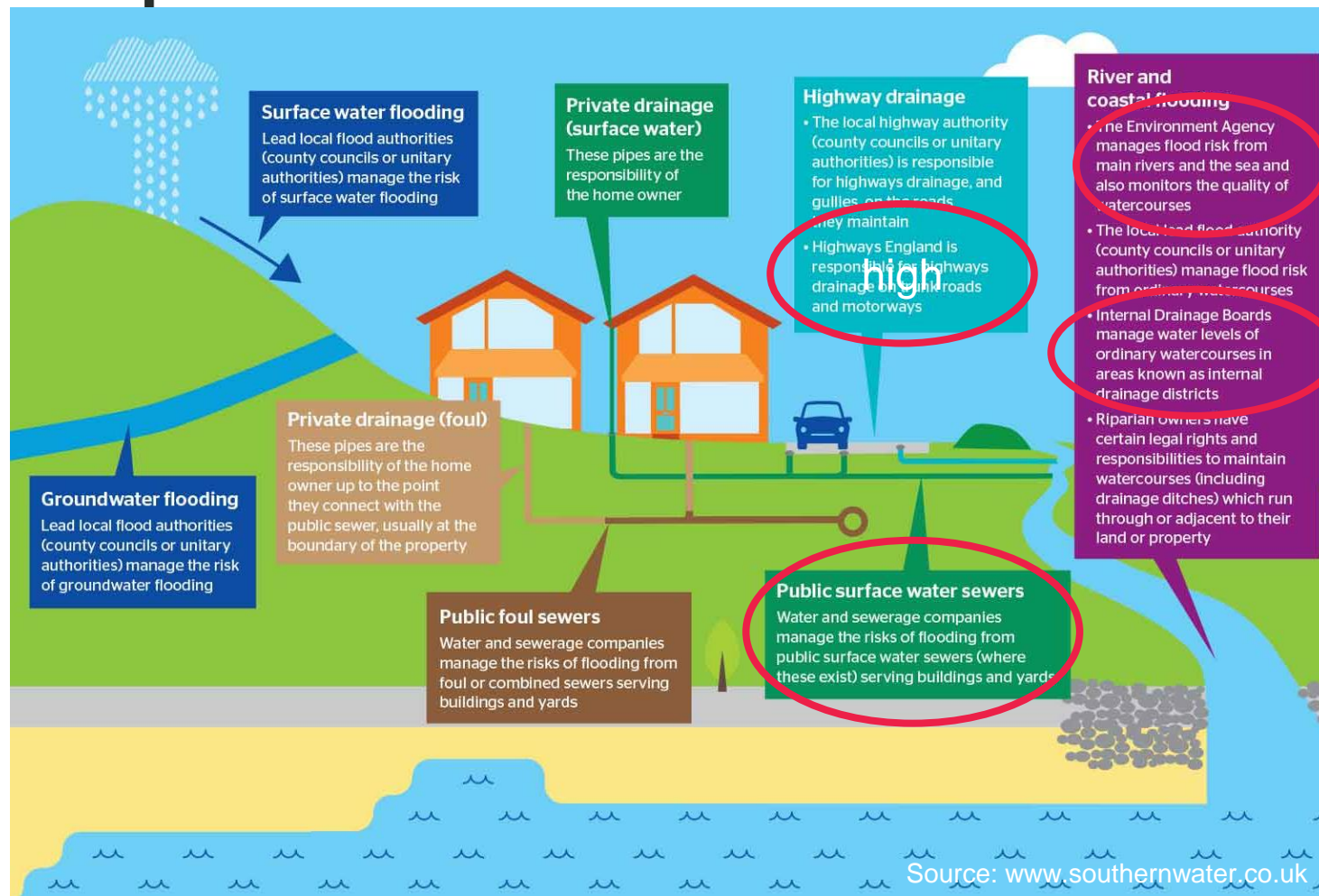
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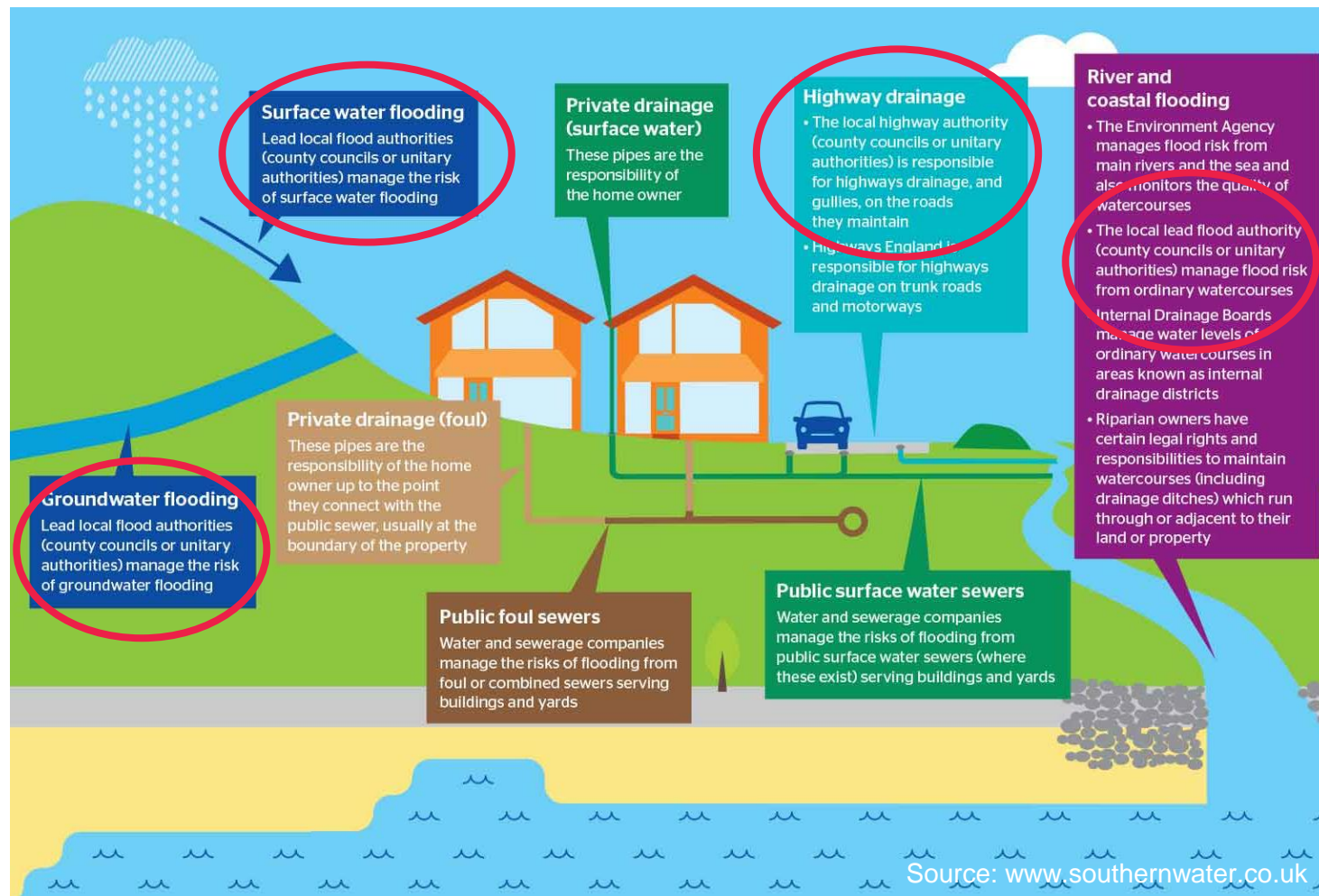
Flooding – who's responsible?

- There's no single body responsible for dealing with and preventing floods
- In Herefordshire there are many authorities involved:
 - Environment Agency
 - Welsh Water
 - Severn Trent Water
 - Internal Drainage Boards
 - National Highways



Herefordshire Council's role

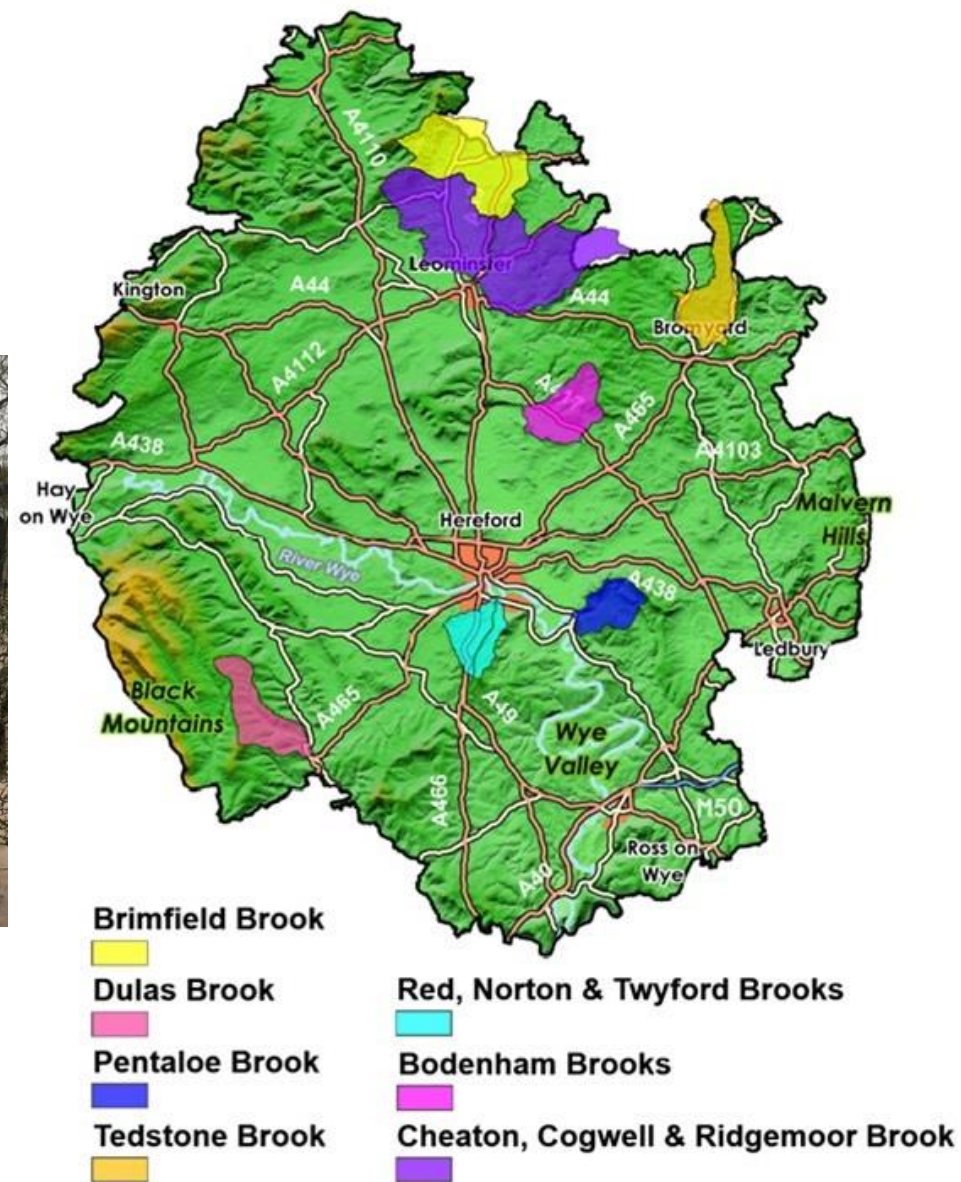
- As Lead Local Flood Authority, we manage flood risk from local sources
- Key responsibilities include:
 - Producing a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy
 - Investigating flooding
 - Carrying out flood improvement projects



Natural Flood Management (NFM)



Photos provided by local residents



NFM delivered



Soil Management

- 60.9 ha grassland aeration
- 106.3 ha arable subsoiling

Over winter cover

- 189.13 ha Cover cropping
- 87.36 ha under sewing maize

Water retention

- 20 attenuation areas, storing approx. 4,410 m³
- 3 in ditch seepage barriers
- 137 leaky dams

Tree and hedge planting

- 4.78 ha tree planting
- 795 m hedging

Other

- 1,117 m fencing
- 26 cross drains (traditional and natural design)
- 2 rainwater harvesting systems
- 0.8 ha meadow creation
- 60 m enhanced wetland ditch
- Bankside willow planting
- Purchase of equipment e.g. under-sewing maize drill
- Mid-Tier Countryside Stewardship options

Future of NFM in Herefordshire



Continue



Support landowners to deliver more NFM



Continue and develop our monitoring



Build on learning from pilot project



Deliver more multiple benefits



Empower and support communities



Work together – catchment approach



Education

In the event of flooding

- If flooding is expected/experienced, information is highlighted on our homepage, newsroom and social media

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Support after a flood

Tweets from @HfdsStreets Follow on Twitter

HerefordHighways Retweeted

Kington SNTs @KingtonCops · 1h

Joint visits with @HfdsStreets to Kington agri-businesses before the autumn harvest to discuss road safety issues.

Flood response

- We're a 'category one responder' under the Civil Contingencies Act and have plans to respond to emergencies, and control/reduce their impact
- We provide assistance during flooding incidents and when flood risk is high – but resources are limited and have to be prioritised

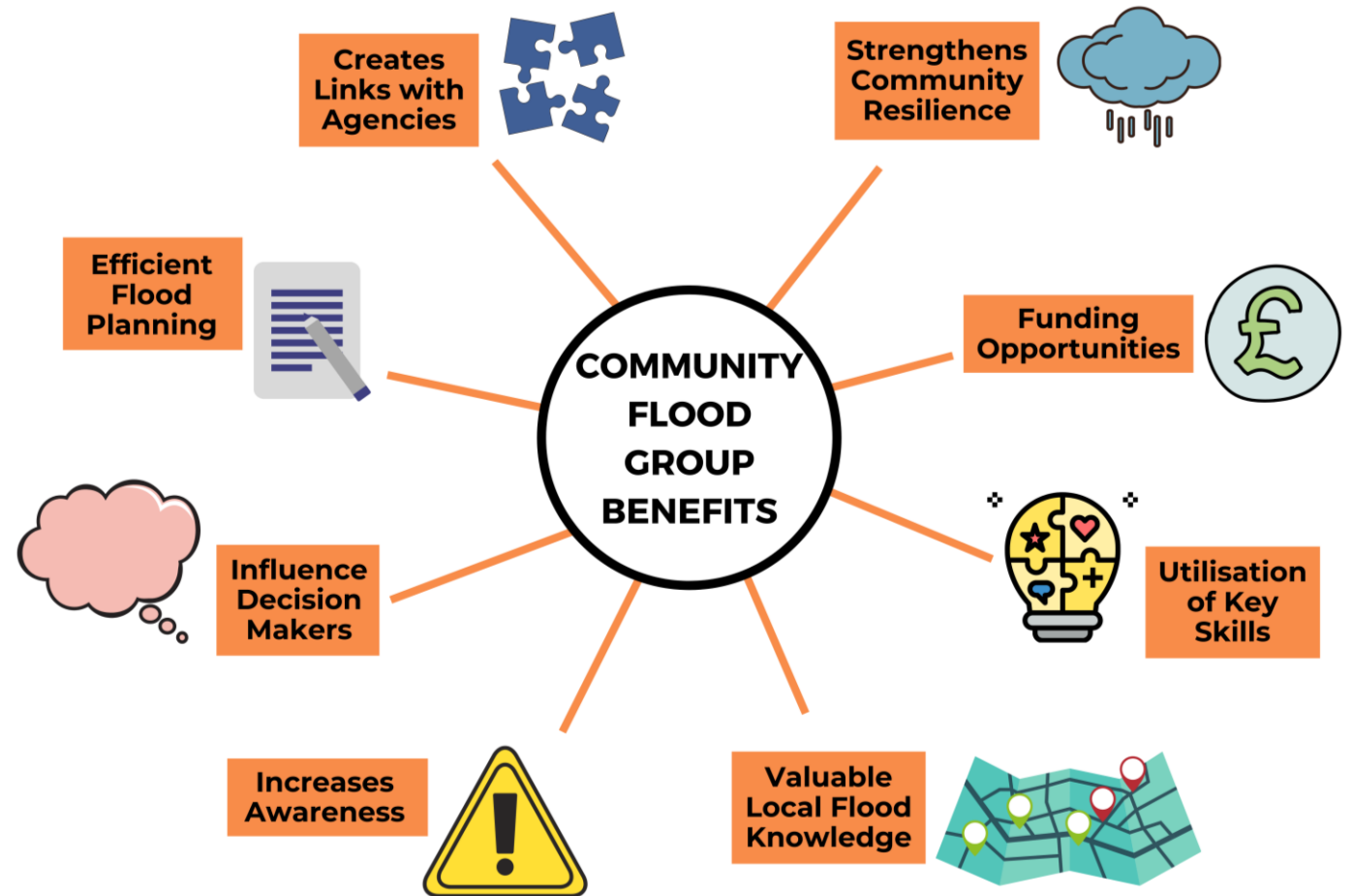


Flood response

- Our Emergency Planning team encourages town and parish councils to actively build their community resilience
 - Identifying the particular risks the community faces
 - Having a plan in place to deal with potential emergencies (not just floods but industrial fires or snowfall too)
- Contact ibaker@herefordshire.gov.uk to find out how your community can develop its own community resilience plan

Local flood groups

- We're keen to support voluntary groups that have come together all over the county
- Contact Herefordshire.Drainage@balfourbeatty.com for more information



Source: <https://thefloodhub.co.uk>

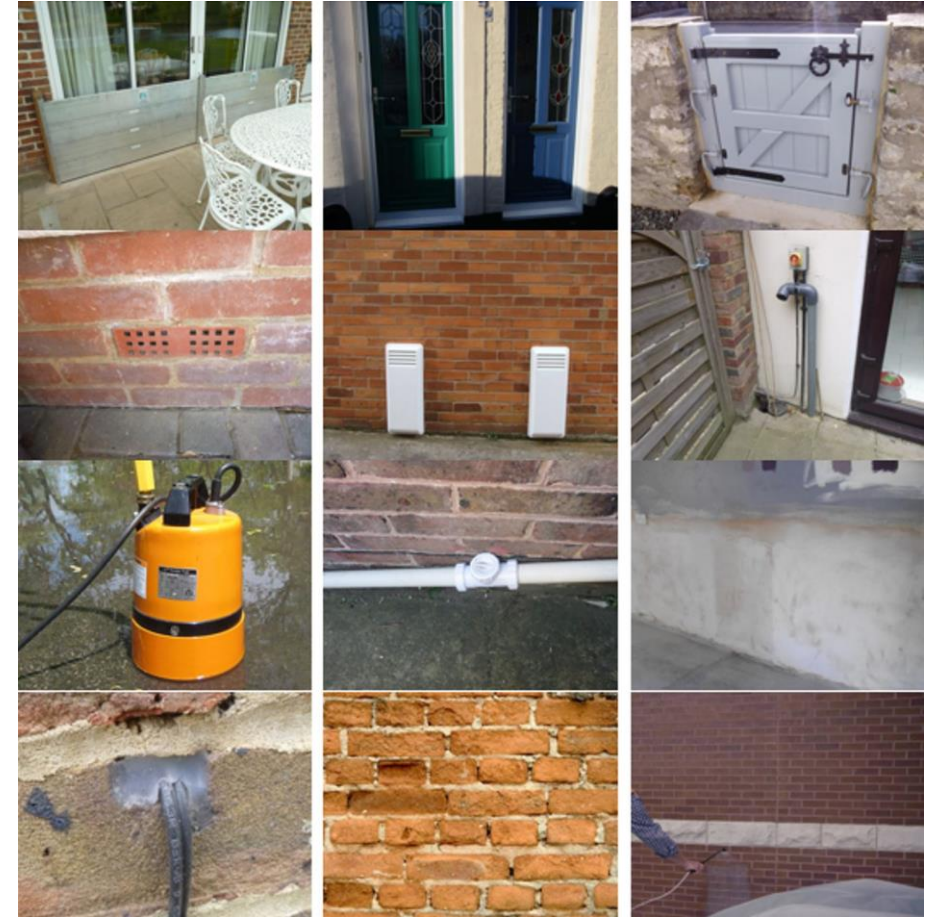
Flood recovery

- We play a key role in flood recovery
 - After the February 2020 floods, Talk Community coordinated council staff and other partner agencies going out to areas impacted by flooding, providing advice, completing applications for grants and helping directly in the clean up



Flood recovery

- After the February 2020 floods we :
 - Arranged over 700 recovery grant payments for residents and businesses;
 - Applied council tax and business rate discounts; and
 - Administered a Property Flood Resilience (PFR) scheme which enabled over 200 properties to install measures



In the event of flooding

- Tune into your local radio station for updates
- Check our social media and our webpages which contain contact numbers to help direct you
- **Call 999** if there's a risk to people or property
- **Call 01432 261800** if there's:
 - Deep water on the road, making it impassable to vehicles
 - Fast flowing water causing damage to the road, bridges/structures
- Check our social media and our webpages for information on:
 - Financial support – Clean up advice – Emotional support



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- After a flood
- Advice for parish councils
- Protect your property from flooding

Flood management >

- How we manage flooding
- Natural Flood Management (NFM)
- Flood management schemes
- Strategic flood risk assessment

See www.herefordshire.gov.uk/floods

Any questions?

