

## Monthly flood risk management meeting

**12 September 2023**

Chair: Herefordshire Council (HC) – Steve Hodges (SH)

Attendees: Balfour Beatty (BBLP) - Joel Hockenhull (JH), Jenny Allen (JA), Lauren Harrison (LH).  
Environment Agency (EA) Partnership and Strategic Overview (PSO) – Danielle Degville (DD), Emily Penning (EP).  
ESW RFCC Local Levy Team – Mike Teague (MT), Robyn Bradley (RB), Karen Journy (KJ).  
West Mids Programme Team – Emily Hartin (EH).

### 1. Update on EA led schemes

- **Leominster** – (EP) Waiting for River Arrow/River Lugg model to be completed (expected 2024). Still progressing. Looked at wider catchment area: section of Pinnersley Brook & River Kenwater.
- **Catchment Based Group (CBG)**
  - **Lower Bullingham** (EP) – Being scoped by CBG for a catchment based assessment.
  - **Ewyas Harold / Dulas Brook** (DD) – Strategic Outline Case expected in December 2023.
  - **River Arrow – Lugg and Arrow Weir Impact Assessments** (EP) – Initial site visit undertaken with Jacobs on 7 September 2023. Three initial weirs will undergo a Weir Impact Assessment to assess their structural integrity and then more assets along the Lugg and Arrow rivers will undergo the same assessments. Project start-up in progress. Programme being developed and costed.
  - **River Arrow – Lugg and Arrow Asset Management Review** (EP) – The EA is conducting a full Asset Management Review on all EA owned and maintained assets along the River Lugg and River Arrow. The Weir Impact Assessments will also feed into this comprehensive assessment which will dictate future plans including influencing maintenance regimes.
- **Hampton Bishop** (EP) – Awaiting Wye Model outputs in 2025. If the Lugg model upgrade is completed sooner than the Hampton Bishop Initial Assessment will be reviewed sooner to see if anything changes following the change to the data we hold for the River Lugg.
- **Eardisland** (DD) – Tender process almost completed for survey. Drop in session planned for 23 October, 4-7pm. Community is aware.
- **Mordiford Bridge** (DD) – PSO passing back to asset team. George Tomlin to lead on in future.
- **Greyfriars** (DD) – Progressing.
- **Leintwardine and Walford PFR** (DD) – No update.
- **Bishops Frome PFR** (DD) - No update – To be looked at in 2024.
- **Cusop** (TC) – TC attended site meeting. Communications shared with community.
- **Ross on Wye** (EP) – No update, awaiting Wye model (expected 2025).

### 2. Update on HC led schemes

- **Ayles Brook Surface Water Mapping** (JA) – Work is progressing and final layers in the model are being set up in order to do the verification runs and testing, still due for completion Autumn 2023.
- **Brimfield, Orleton and Little Hereford PFR** (JA) – FCERM4 Form approved. Post tender review meeting held with potential installation contractor. Tender recommendation report is being drafted for HC.
- **Coughton Brook and Kymin Brook** (JA) – No update.
- **Lyde** (JH) – OBC has been endorsed and is nearly assured.
- **Wellington Brook** (JA) – The Wellington Brook 1D model is almost complete and should progress to current programme pending any significant difficulties that pop up out of the initial runs.
- **Yazor Brook Culverts** (JH) – No update.
- **Eardisley** (JA) – OBC being prepared to support bid for additional grant funding proposed, for subsequent Detailed Design in 2023/24.
- **Withy Brook** (JH) – EA are now leading on Catchment Based Assessment (Lower Bullingham).

- **Hoarwithy** (JH) – Level survey of Wiggle Brook undertaken. Business Case to be developed to facilitate funding.

### **3. Any Other Business**

- **NFM** (SH) – Tender for Catchment Advisors is live for Brimfield Catchment. Beth Lewis has returned from Maternity Leave.
- **Local Flood Risk Management Strategy** (SH) – Documentation to be finalised in order that consultation can commence.
- **Clearance works on River Lugg** (SH) – EP to update following internal discussions.
- **Future Programme** – Meeting to be organised with EA and HCC to identify projects for next year including proposals for more Catchment Based Assessments following on from the Lower Bullingham pilot taking place in 2023/24.

### **4. Date of future meeting**

- Tuesday 10 October, 9.30am