

## **Flood Bulletin – Forgandenny**

The Council is producing bulletins aimed at keeping local communities informed of the developments and recovery work in progress following the flooding in their area.

This bulletin has been prepared specifically for residents affected by flooding in Forgandenny.

We are sorry about the flooding that you have experienced.

We have been receiving a high volume of calls and e-mails from throughout Perth and Kinross following the flooding of 12 August. Unfortunately, it's not possible for us to respond to them all at once. This bulletin is intended to answer some of your questions in the meantime.

### **Community Meetings and Future Updates**

The Council will be holding meetings with affected residents. This is complicated by the on-going coronavirus pandemic and so these meetings may be held online. We will advise you of the details shortly.

If you are interested in attending a future meeting and wish to receive future updates, please email your contact details to [flood@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:flood@pkc.gov.uk)

### **The Scottish Flood Forum**

The Scottish Flood Forum is an independent organisation which supports individuals and communities at risk from flooding. If you have not already done so, we would advise you to contact the Forum – their contact details are at the end of this bulletin.

### **Flooding in Forgandenny**

This severe weather of 12 August resulted in widespread flooding across Tayside with approximately 165 properties affected. Forgandenny and neighbouring towns were badly affected with approximately 9 properties being flooded in Forgandenny and further impacts to a larger number of resident's gardens and outbuildings. The main areas that were flooded being Glenearn Park and Kinnaird Road – both being affected by the small burn the runs under the B925.

Since the flood event on the 12 August 2020, Council officers have been on site and have spoken to residents to offer advice and support and to gain an understanding of their concerns and issues.

### **Current Priority Work**

A number of small private footbridges were erected over the watercourse. Some of these were dislodged and blocked the trash screen at the B925 road bridge and

elevated flood levels. We would strongly recommend that any footbridge crossings are removed if possible.

There are existing utility pipe crossings within the channel of the burn adjacent to 9 Glenearn Park. These result in a risk of debris getting caught and partially blocking the channel elevating flood levels locally. The Council is currently identifying who owns these utilities in order to enquire if they could be diverted.

We will also contact the landowner/s to the south of Forgandenny to investigate any potential for changes in land management practices which may help in the future.

### Clearance and Repair Work

The Council carries out annual watercourse inspections of in Forgandenny with the last inspection occurring on the 22 July 2020. We will carry out clearance and repair works where this will substantially reduce flood risk. We also undertake clearance work when the public alert us to any obstructions.

### Community Resilience

Residents are advised to take action to reduce the risk of flooding to their property. This could include having your own supply of sandbags available and fitting flood protection products to your property such as airbrick covers or door guards. Please refer to the Council's general flood bulletin (under '*What action can I take to protect my property from flooding?*') and FAQ's provided separately. Further information can also be found at [www.pkc.gov.uk/plp](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/plp).

The majority of properties affected flooded via the airbrick vents. We therefore strongly recommend that residents install airbrick covers. From speaking to several residents, these investigation works have already commenced. The Scottish Flood Forum can provide free home visits to provide advice on protecting your home and their contact details can be found at the end of this bulletin.

### On-going/Future Action

The published Tay Local Flood Risk Management Plan includes general actions to manage flood risk in this area including maintaining flood warning, flood forecasting, awareness raising, self help, maintenance, emergency plans/response and planning policies. Forgandenny is located within Potentially Vulnerable Area (PVA) 08/15. The current Plan can be viewed at [www.pkc.gov.uk/frmplans](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/frmplans).

Flooding is a natural phenomenon and the risk of flooding cannot entirely be eliminated. Unfortunately, exceptional weather events are happening more often, and flooding is having increasing impact and effect across the whole country. There will always be limits as to what individual Council's and public sector agencies can achieve to prevent flooding.

## Next Steps

The flooding situation was reported to the Council's Environment and Infrastructure Committee on 19 August and as a result the Council will be looking at what action needs to be taken to address future flood risk.

In the meantime, Perth & Kinross Council continues to work in partnership with a number of agencies including Scottish Water, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and the Scottish Flood Forum to assist with the recovery work. The Council and its partnership agencies are committed to providing ongoing support to those who need it as the recovery work continues.

The Council will advise you of the details of forthcoming meetings with residents shortly.

Further bulletins will follow.

## Further Information and Advice

In the meantime, please see the attached general Flood Bulletin and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). We hope that this may help to answer some of your questions.

Please also refer to the Council's Facebook and Twitter accounts and our online news articles:

<https://www.pkc.gov.uk/August2020flooding>

[www.pkc.gov.uk/article/21794/12-August-2020-Storm-Flood-Risk-Management-Update](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/21794/12-August-2020-Storm-Flood-Risk-Management-Update)

[www.pkc.gov.uk/article/21793/Council-offers-support-to-flooded-residents](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/21793/Council-offers-support-to-flooded-residents)

Further information and advice on flooding can be found on the Council's website at <https://www.pkc.gov.uk> and <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/frmplans>.

## Contact Details

Perth and Kinross Council:	Tel 01738 475000 (8.45am – 5pm) Tel 01738 476476 (out of hours emergencies) E-mail <a href="mailto:flood@pkc.gov.uk">flood@pkc.gov.uk</a>
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Scottish Water:	Tel 0800 077 8778 (customer helpline)
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Scottish Flood Forum:	Tel 01698 839021
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