



# Pang Valley Flood Forum

## Trustees' Report

15 months to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

**Trustees:** Kay Lacey (chairman) Piers Allison Brian Connorton Peter McGeehin  
David Barlow Stephen Billyeald (treasurer)

### Introduction:

The Pang Valley Flood Forum (PVFF) was set up in January 2013 as a joint initiative by West Berkshire Council, the Environment Agency (EA) and Thames Water. The aim of the Forum is to act as the principal consultation body to the three agencies on flooding and drainage issues in the Pang Valley.

In December 2017, PVFF was registered at the Charities Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Registered Charity Number 1176292. The objects are: *To work for the benefit of the community, for the preservation of human life and property and for the benefit of the environment, to provide, preserve, maintain, restore and/or improve flood defences and flood protection measures and flood damage remediation in particular in the communities along the river Pang and the Sulham Brook, principally in the county of Berkshire.*

PVFF works with the agencies to oversee and monitor the delivery of flood risk mitigation works within our Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP). Everyone who may be affected by or has a role to play in the management of flooding has the opportunity to influence or contribute to the development of the FRMP.

PVFF is run entirely by volunteers from the 10 Parishes in the Pang Valley, with representatives from the three agencies attending regular meetings. PVFF is also involved in raising general awareness of local flooding issues and in improving individual resilience; it helps both individual homeowners as well as Parish Councils to achieve improvements in flood resilience. PVFF keeps the agencies focused on the tasks required and holds them to account for the agreed actions.

## **Meetings:**

PVFF held four meetings in the 15 month period attended by representatives from most of the ten villages as well as from the three agencies. Actions within the FRMP were updated at each meeting. Details of the FRMP and associated actions can be found on the PVFF website [www.floodalleviation.uk](http://www.floodalleviation.uk)

## **Other Activities:**

The Chair attended two conferences on behalf of the Flood Forum – one hosted by the National Flood Forum and FloodRe (Birmingham) – to bring flood forums together and provide a platform for identifying common issues.

The second was Flooding From Intense Rainfall (London), hosted by the University of Reading, to disseminate learning from this NERC funded project.

PVFF are also members and attend meetings of the South Chilterns Catchment Partnership. Three of the Trustees have also been part of the Local Advisory Group for the Drought Risk and You (DRY) project run by Bristol UWE and Loughborough University and attended meetings related to this project.

## **Natural Flood Management Project:**

In June 2018 PVFF was awarded a Partnership Grant of £50,000, sponsored by DEFRA and administered by the EA, to work with landowners to install Natural Flood Management (NFM) interventions in strategic locations in the Pang valley. These interventions will take the form of leaky barriers, woody debris, and holding ponds in the watercourses that flow into the River Pang so that, at times of heavy rainfall, some water will be held back for a short time thereby reducing the risk of the Pang overbanking and causing flooding. It is acknowledged that these interventions cannot eliminate the risk of property flooding but they are expected to reduce the risk.

An initial order has been placed for the construction of 38 leaky woody dams and ancillary works with Englefield Estates Forestry. Work will start in April on the river Bourne between Admoor Lane and Common Hill south of Bradfield. All the necessary tree felling licences and land drainage consents are in place.

The trustees have taken legal advice on the Partnership Grant agreement and also on the landowner agreement. They have also taken out insurance covering public liability, employee liability and professional indemnity. Certain trustees and the project manager have attended EA workshops and conferences in relation to the project.

Sundew Ecology have carried out a baseline River Habitat Survey on the river Bourne; Reading University has secured separate funding for flow monitoring equipment and plan to install their equipment during April.

We remain on track to deliver the NFM project in line with our reforecast of January 2019.

A Flood Drop In event was held in Pangbourne on the 16th March to promote awareness of the NFM project, run in conjunction with Reading University. The event was also supported by stands and displays from the EA, Thames Water, JBA Consulting, West Berkshire Council, Action for the River Kennet and FloodRe. There were over 100 attendees.

## Technical Sub-Group:

The Technical Sub-Group was set up 2014 to discuss and form a view on those 'technical' aspects which would otherwise take up too much main committee time or require further consideration before advising on the way forward.

Current membership: Brian Connorton (Chair), Kay Lacey, Piers Allison, Peter McGeehin, Clive Loveridge, Nigel Arnell, Melvyn Cook, Dick Greenaway.

The key technical issues that have formed the basis of the Forums modus operandi and projects are:

- The adoption of Piers Allison's web-based platform for representing and communicating the Forum's work.
- Work with the local flood wardens to map each parish's key flood risk assets and identify the areas where the river should be "fast" (through residential areas) or "slow", where it might be suitable for more Natural Flood Management practices.
- The importance of taking an integrated catchment-wide approach to understand, plan and implement flood risk management techniques.
- The importance of installing and maintaining a reliable monitoring network for flood forecasting.
- The proposal by Peter McGeehin for adapting the West Berkshire Groundwater Scheme (WBGWS) for tackling groundwater flooding in Upper Pang Valley.

Since being set up, the Technical Sub-group has met on several occasions as a sub-committee. However certain technical issues have tended to merge into mainstream PVFF matters, notably in the form of two ongoing projects:

- The Defra/EA grant-awarded Natural Flood Management (see above)
- The West Berkshire Groundwater Scheme. In 2016 Thames Water and the EA agreed in principle that the West Berkshire Ground Water Scheme could be used to reduce groundwater flooding. Since then two MSc projects with Birmingham University have been completed under the guidance of Peter McGeehin to help demonstrate the proposal's viability. A number of meetings have been held with the EA and Thames Water in relation to the project.



Kay Lacey (Chairman) for and on behalf of the Trustees of PVFF  
5<sup>th</sup> April 2019





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name **Pang Valley Flood Forum** No (if any) **1176292**

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from **01/01/2017** To **31/03/2018**

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	500	-	-	500	-
Donations	250	-	-	250	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Marketing	108	-	-	108	-
Travel, hotel & subsistence	205	107	-	312	-
Stationery, postage, telephone	106	29	-	135	-
Meetings	24	-	-	24	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>- 136</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>-</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	- 136	136	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>-</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
	Bank account	171	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

*Kay Lacey*  
*Stephen Billhead*

MRS. KAY LACEY  
STEPHEN BILLHEAD

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<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants		1,752	-	1,752	-
Donations	800	4,103	-	4,903	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>5,855</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,655</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>5,855</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,655</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Marketing	13	341	-	354	-
Travel, hotel & subsistence	185	234	-	419	-
Stationery, postage, telephone	24	111	-	135	-
Training	10			10	
Legal fees				-	
Habitat survey		914		914	
Contract work		16		16	
Insurance		641		641	
Meetings	71		-	71	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>2,257</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>2,257</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>3,598</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,095</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>4,103</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,266</b>	<b>-</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
	Bank account	163	4,103	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>4,103</b>	<b>-</b>

Signed by one or two trustees on  
behalf of all the trustees

Signature

*Ray Hacey*  
*S. BILLYEALD*

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Date of  
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5-4-19  
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