

## **THE FRIENDS OF THE CORVE AND TEME**

In 2007, a terrible storm on the evening of June 25 brought unprecedented misery to residents of South Shropshire. Previously unimaginable volumes of water washed into local rivers like the Teme, Corve and Onny. No-one could have envisaged the extent of the floods or the destruction they brought. The River Corve rose 5ft within 25 minutes, and civil and military authorities described the June and July rescue efforts as the biggest in peacetime Britain.

Nearly a decade later, floods are becoming an almost expected aspect of life, sometimes several times in the same year. And whilst it is not possible to prevent flooding, it is possible to be pro-active and put in place measures which could reduce the water flow and alleviate the consequences.

Accordingly, a community group called '**Friends of the Corve and Teme**' has been formed. Created to act as a Flood Action and Environmental Group, its role will be:

1. to monitor the Rivers Corve and Teme and develop and implement a Flood Action Plan, (Preparation, Prevention, Action and Recovery)
2. to collect data about the catchment to better inform actions by individuals, local authorities, responsible agencies, landowners and companies.
3. to create working partnerships with national, local, civil and environmental bodies
4. to use local knowledge when working with local authorities, responsible agencies and companies to reduce the risk of flooding in and around Ludlow. This includes monitoring planning applications and attempting to ensure development applications meet or improve upon Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SUDS) specifications.
5. to educate the local community about flood and pollution risk in Ludlow and its environs and publicise ways to improve resilience.
6. to work with national and local natural environmental groups to preserve, maintain and improve the waterways, streams, riparian walks, meadows and woods, and encourage and create habitats for birds, otters and fish.

FRIENDS OF THE CORVE AND TEME has been set up as an UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION, i.e. a not-for-profit organization, with a constitution, a bank account, and a committee.

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