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AT time of writing, the village is two weeks on from the floods at the end of October and Council knows that for those householders affected by the floods, the clear up has only just begun. It's been an awful time for a number of our community and so, for this edition, the main focus is on how to report important events as well as an update from your Parish and District Councils on the flood...

Village Matters

The flood of October 27th saw water at levels the village has never seen before. Council is aware of at least 8-10 properties that have been affected in the village with the worst flooded throughout the ground floor up to a level of approximately 18 inches. The Parish Council is liaising with East Suffolk Council to ensure that those affected have all the information and support they need.

Central government's 'Flood Recovery Framework' has been triggered and for a householder to receive up to £500 (see below), the flood needs to be reported to Suffolk County Council. The report tool can be found here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/report-a-flood-in-suffolk>

In addition, information about the Flood Recovery Framework can be found here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/flood-recovery-information-for-suffolk>

From East Suffolk Council, District Cllr. Julia Ewart has shared some of the measures announced by central government, which include:

- Flooded households in affected areas can apply for up to £500 to give cash quickly to help with immediate costs.
- Households and businesses significantly affected by recent flooding will be eligible for 100% council tax and business rates relief for at least three months.
- Eligible flood-hit property owners will be able to apply for up to £5,000 to help make their homes and businesses more resilient to future flooding via the Property Flood Resilience Repair Grant Scheme.

The main contact number for East Suffolk Council's out of hours emergencies, including housing issues is **0800 440 2516**

Yoxford Parish Council is aware that significant upset and trauma has been experienced by many of those affected by these floods. If you have any requirements, please be sure to report the flood using the SCC reporting tool so that your property becomes eligible for help. Please feel able to contact the Parish Clerk or any of your Parish Councillors for help.

Heading into Winter, Council's village projects are in need of your help. We now have 2000 bulbs to plant, street signage to clean, hedges to trim and traffic speed to monitor. The Clerk will be in touch with the Voluntary Team soon. 🌷🏠 and if you'd still like to join the party, please get in touch.

In other news...

Slow down, no need to rush... Council is now considering and costing measures it can implement to reduce speeding in the village. It also awaits a reply from County Cllr. Richard Smith to its letter asking him to support a review of road speed limit policy. The letter is on the village website for you to read, as is the village petition for 20mph. Every signature helps so please sign up: <https://www.yoxford.org.uk/20mph/>

Village Hall dates for your diary:

- **Yoxflicks Film Night** November 17th 7.30pm. Bar open
- **Pub Night** November 24th 6-11pm
- **Jumble Sale** December 9th 10am-2pm Refreshments available
- **Pub Night** December 29th 6-11pm

Contact the Parish Council via Trudy, Parish Clerk at: parishclerkyoxford@gmail.com or **07767987691**