

Parishes Together Fund Evaluation Form

This form must be completed by the lead parish or town council for the project and must be submitted by the deadline stated.

Section A: The basics

1. Name of the lead town or parish council:

Lympstone Parish Council

2. Please list all of the town and parish councils involved:

Lympstone Parish Council Woodbury Parish Council

3. What was your project in brief:

This project was the second phase of Upper Wotton Brook Catchment Study (part of the Lympstone Flood Risk Management Project). The purpose of Phase 2 was to observe the surface water runoff pathways in the rural upper catchment during significant rainfall events, and to further explore the risks and opportunities identified during Phase 1. Identifying and understanding runoff pathways is key to assessing flood risk and to determining appropriate interventions

Section B: Finance

4. What was the total cost of your project?

£1,575 ex VAT

5. How much of the money came from the Parishes Together Fund?

£1,475 ex VAT (94%)

6. Has all the funding from the Parishes Together Fund been spent on your project?

- Yes
- No - If no, please get in touch as any unspent funding needs to be returned to us.

7. If the Parishes Together Fund did not pay for the whole project, where did you get the rest of the money to pay for it?

Give details of the amounts of funding and where it came from.

£100 from Lympstone Parish Council.

8. Were there any in-kind contributions to the project? If so, please give details below:

For example non-monetary contributions such as volunteering time, lending equipment.

Yes - significant contribution of time from members of Lympstone Flood Resilience Group, and general oversight and guidance from other members of the Project Steering Group (including representatives of Woodbury Parish Council, the Environment Agency, Devon County Council, East Devon District Council and South West Water plc).

Section C: The results

9. Do you have any photographs of the project?

Before, during and after the project is carried out.

- Yes - please send accompanying photographs to jbuckley@eastdevon.gov.uk
- No - we do ask that photographs are sent of each project. If you applied for and are receiving Communities Together Fund monies in 2019, please make sure you take photos.

10. Do you have any other documents or evidence of success?

- Yes - please send accompanying documents and evidence to jbuckley@eastdevon.gov.uk
- No

11. How has the community benefitted, or how will the community benefit from your completed project?

Please give as much detail as possible, as this in particular provides the evidence we need to keep the funding going for you.

The outputs of this project will directly support flood risk reduction in Lympstone, and provide valuable information for Woodbury and other communities. The project has helped to understand the scale and impact of surface water runoff during significant rainfall events (both in Lympstone and Woodbury Parishes), and the key factors that influence this. It has also helped to identify potential natural flood management interventions, e.g., opportunities to improve soil structure, slow down the flow of water (e.g., by using woodland and flood detention ponds), and improve drainage. Importantly, the information gained will help ground-truth the hydraulic model currently being developed for Lympstone by the Environment Agency, and this approach will provide valuable 'lessons learned' for other communities.

12. Was your project:

- Working alone on a drainage and ditches project - please move onto question 14
- Working together with other town and parish councils

13. How has the project involved town and parish councils working together?

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Cllr Geoff Jung, a Woodbury Parish Councillor and District Councillor, is a member of the Project Steering Group and has made a significant contribution to the project.

14. Did you face any obstacles to completing your project?

- Yes
- No - please move onto question 16

15. Please tell us about the obstacles that you faced:

The main obstacle was the weather. Much of the project period was relatively dry with only a few spells of prolonged wet weather. This reduced the potential to capture relevant information; however, there were sufficient flows across the landscape to determine key pathways and to make a preliminary assessment of potential interventions.

16. What is the future of the project or work? (if relevant)

For example how will it be funded in the future if it's an ongoing project.

This project is part of a larger project, the Lympstone Flood Risk Management Project, which is supported by all of the flood risk agencies (Environment Agency, Devon County Council, East Devon District Council, and South West Water plc). The next phase of the upper catchment work (Phase 3) is to conduct a soil survey (funded by the Communities Together Fund, with contribution from the Environment Agency). Once this and the Environment Agency's hydraulic model are complete, the potential interventions will be assessed and an action plan developed in consultation with stakeholders.

17. Please give details of any media interviews, press reports, newsletter articles etc about your project:

Please note as you agreed in the grant offer letter, all publicity about the project should credit funding from Parishes Together Fund and support from Devon County Council and East Devon District Council.

Lympstone Flood Resilience Group gave a presentation about the project to Devon Community Resilience Forum on 22 November 2018. Other publicity is planned for the end of the overall project.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

Please click on the 'submit' button below to send your answers to us.