



Pang Valley Flood Forum

Trustees Report to 31st March 2024

Trustees: Kay Lacey (Chairman) Piers Allison (Vice Chair) Stephen Billyeald (Treasurer)
Brian Connorton Ben Mitchell Stephen Davis

Meetings:

PVFF held one online meeting via Microsoft Teams in the 12 month period (Nov 15th 2023) attended by representatives from the Pang villages as well as from the three RMAs (Risk Management Authority). Actions within the Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP) were updated at the meeting. Details of the FRMP and associated actions can be found on the PVFF website www.floodalleviation.uk

PVFF hosted a Teams meeting in Dec 2023 attended by members of Thames Water, the EA and West Berkshire Council, to review the PVFF proposal to use West Berkshire Groundwater Scheme (WBGWS) to alleviate groundwater flood risk. Unfortunately, however, it was stressed by the EA that it was not legal for the WBGWS to be utilised for anything other than as a drought resource. It only had a licence for that specific purpose. Downstream flood risk was also still considered to be a problem.

Other Activities:

Natural Flood Management (NFM)

In April the Chair gave an online presentation at a “Developing an NFM Project” webinar organised by the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust, who are facilitating the Thames RFCC NFM Grant Fund Programme. The webinar aimed to provide useful tips and tools to help others develop an NFM project from conception to delivery. We discussed best practices and lessons learnt. Following on from the success of this, we were asked to present at a similar all-day conference at Reading University in September.

We have also taken part in several ‘Mainstreaming NFM’ workshops organised by the Environment Agency (EA) and on a ‘Report Flooding’ research session for Defra on behalf of the Flood Forum.

We hosted a visit to our completed Bucklebury NFM project in October for members of WWT, Thames Flood Advisors and West Berks Council.

Talks

Over the year the Chair gave various talks to: Basildon Probus; Pangbourne Parish Council, at Compton Parish Council’s Annual Meeting, and to approx. 50 members of the EA’s Flood Risk Management team at Kingsmeadow House in Reading.

Education

In June, for the fourth year running, the PVFF had a stand at the Englefield Schools Countryside Day. This is held over two days on the Englefield Estate. We talked to some 500 schoolchildren from a number of different primary schools about the risks associated with flooding, the dangers hidden in flood water and the benefits of natural flood management.

Stakeholder Groups

PVFF are a key stakeholder in the Thames Water Pang Chalkstream Restoration Strategy Project and have attended regular monthly meetings since its inauguration in Jan 2022. PVFF are now a member of the Steering Group.

PVFF are also a member of the South Chilterns Catchment Partnership.

Other

In July PVFF members hosted a Pang and Sulham site walkover for Jacobs and Environment Agency staff who were working on the modelling for the New Pang Project.

In October 2023 we took part in West Berkshire Council's Scrutiny Commission meeting where we were able to ask questions of Thames Water and the EA.

On 20th January 2024 we ran a well-attended **Pang Valley Flood Protection Event** at Hampstead Norreys Village Hall. This was organised with the help of Project Groundwater, who also covered the cost of attendance of Mary Dhonau and the Floodmobile. Mary provided really useful information on flooding, insurance and property resilience measures and had lots of actual examples for people to look at in the mobile unit.

This event was attended by some 150 residents from across Berkshire and beyond.



Kay Lacey (Chairman)

for and on behalf of the Trustees of PVFF

27th October 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

Pang Valley Flood Forum

No (if any)

1176292

CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date

01/04/2023

To

Period end date

31/03/2024

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 £

A1 Receipts

Grants				-	-
Donations	647			647	350
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	647	-	-	647	350

Total receipts	647	-	-	647	350
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A3 Payments

Marketing	282			282	-
Travel, hotel & subsistence	81			81	208
Stationery, postage, telephone	73			73	39
Training				-	-
Legal fees				-	-
Habitat survey				-	-
Contract work				-	308
Insurance	156			156	156
Other	209			209	57
Meetings			-	-	-
Sub total	801	-	-	801	768

Total payments	801	-	-	801	768
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Net of receipts/(payments)	- 154	-	-	- 154	- 418
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A5 Transfers between funds

A6 Cash funds last year end

Cash funds this year end	1,372	9,103	-	10,475	10,628
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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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	1,372	9,103	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,372	9,103	-

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval

Kay Lacey
Stephen Billyeald

Mrs Kay Lacey
Stephen Billyeald

26/09/2024
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