

Parish Briefing – Flooding

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Contact with affected residents

- Withycombe – contact is still on-going.
- All affected parishes will be telephoned Thursday, to ascertain if any further help is needed.

Situation Report/Further intelligence

- Information is still being gathered from the more remote areas on Exmoor (Luccombe).
- Calls to the contact centre totalled 14 yesterday (Weds), showing falling demand.
- Input from all the teams involved – Ground Teams, Housing, Contact Centre, Waste, Public Health, Highways, Depots, Adult Social Care, Comms and CCU- indicate the response phase is drawing to a close, and we're in recovery phase.
- It's likely there will be community drop-in events planned with our colleagues in the Environment Agency. There will be updates from the recovery phase once the governance is confirmed.

Disposing of Sand/Gel Flood Bags

At home

Sandbags and gel bags should be dried out and reused. The best way to do this is to raise them off the ground whilst drying, to help prevent mould forming.

If reusing bags is not possible, you can dispose of them by splitting the bags and scattering or burying the contents in your garden (the gel substance used in bags is fully biodegradable). Emptied sacks can be deposited in refuse bins for onward incineration.

At a recycling centre

Items should be bagged before taking them to the local recycling centre. They should be deposited in a landfill skip.

Sacks which have been contaminated with raw sewage should be handled with care, wearing gloves and washing hands thoroughly afterwards. The contents should be double bagged before it's taken to the recycling centre and deposited in a landfill skip.

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