



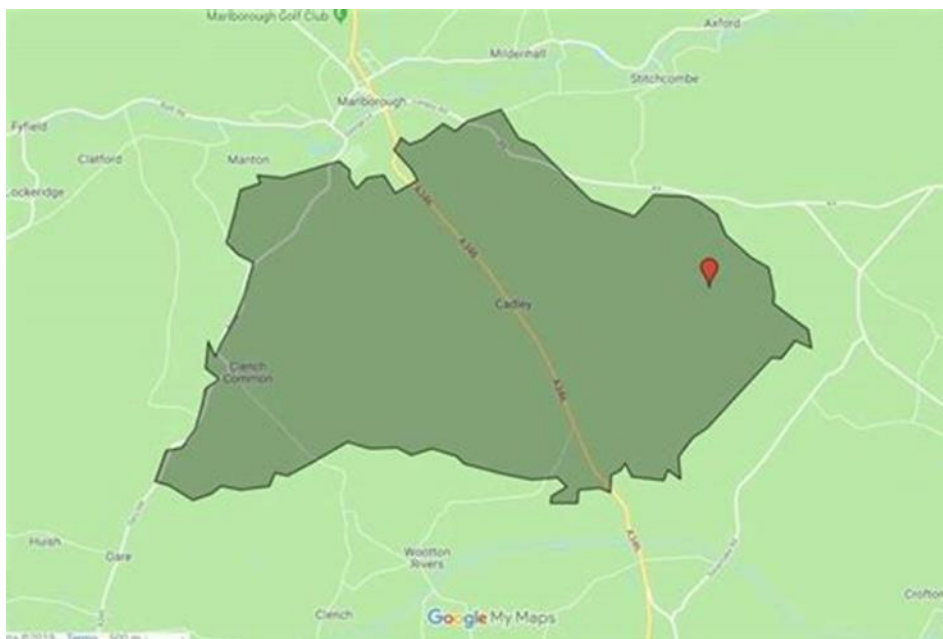
# Savernake Parish Council

## Flood Plan

### Foreword

In light of Climate Change and the increased frequency of flooding events Parish Councils have been encouraged to produce Plans to assist residence and road users in the event of flooding within the Parish Boundary.

### Savernake Parish Council area



The parish of Savernake lies directly south of Marlborough and is largely shaped by the forest on its eastern side.

### Topography

Savernake forest consists of a Wooded Plateau landscape in the western part of the North Wessex Downs National Landscape. It straddles the chalk plateau lying between Marlborough and Great Bedwyn, covering an area of 4,500 acres. The boundary of the forest is defined to the north by the valley of the River Kennet & to the south by the low-lying Vale of Pewsey, where the wooded plateau terminates as a steep scarp.

At this stage this is a live document that requires residents to identify areas that have suffered from flooding in the past where this causes any risk to life or property.

## **Savernake Parish Council Community Flood Plan**

There are no statutory responsibilities for Parish & Town Councils to plan for, respond to, or recover from emergencies. However, it is good practice for communities to identify hazards and make simple plans on how they will respond when faced with an emergency. The Savernake Parish Council (SPC) Community Flood Plan is being created by the Parish Council so that, in the event of flooding in the our Parish there is a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the various support agencies and a list of contacts should residents require help in the event of an emergency.

SPC can help with flood prevention and precaution efforts by preparing community flood plans, raising additional funding for flood defence measures where feasible and organising the gathering and reporting of information on flood incidents in their community.

A Community Flood Plan can help the community respond quickly when flooding happens and can help people decide what practical actions to take before and during a flood, helping reduce the damage flooding can cause.

This plan is intended as a guide to actions that the Parish Council, residents and businesses may take to reduce the impact of future flooding events.

We are lucky to reside in a low risk flood area, with the main risk being to flash flooding on our roads.

It should also be recognised that Savernake Parish Council is not an emergency service. It is not trained, equipped or empowered as an emergency service, nor does it have the same resources. The response should generally be confined to preparing the community in advance of an emergency, assisting with the welfare of the community during and after a flooding event.

Savernake Parish Council accepts no liability for any loss or damage arising directly or indirectly from action taken or not taken in reliance on material or information contained within this plan, or for any failure to activate the plan or any part thereof in response to a flood. It is the homeowner's responsibility to protect their property from flooding.

Likewise it is the responsibility of individual drivers to drive to the conditions and not drive through standing and moving water which presents an unknown hazard. Drivers identifying hazards such as flooding should report it to the appropriate authority. Whilst Savernake Parish Council may not be able to directly respond, it can assist where possible and help plan for future events if they are informed.