

Volunteering Opportunities

Flood Groups

Following flooding in 2012, three separate community flood groups were set up in the Upper Calder Valley.

The flood Groups consist of local residents wanting to help their community before, during and after a flood. Each flood group would welcome support and help.

What do Flood Group volunteers do?

- Work for and on behalf of residents and businesses to help find ways to limit the effects of flooding.
- Signpost flood resilience methods and provide information regarding the availability of household and business surveys, grants, funding etc.
- Act as a representative voice for communities with all stakeholders including the Environment Agency, Calderdale and local Town and Parish Councils, Yorkshire Water, Emergency Services, local business representatives and Voluntary Organisations.
- Reflect the interests and wishes of residents and businesses and take action appropriate to those at risk.
- Participate in events organised by or through the flood groups such as leaf clearance, fundraising, exhibitions, reporting blocked drains, receiving reports from residents and businesses, distributing information, etc.
- Provide information about how to register complaints or requests for work to be carried out by organisations such as Calderdale Council (blocked drains, culverts), Yorkshire Water (blocked sewers), etc.
- Help draw up local flood plans that detail the action needed and any resources required to help manage flooding locally.
- Manage local flood stores and release resources to assist those affected before, during and after flooding.
- Join forces with the National Flood Forum and other national and local voluntary groups who, among other activities, assist and support flood groups and Parliament and the insurance industry on behalf of Flood Action Groups.

If you would like to know more about becoming a volunteer with the Todmorden Flood Group contact by email: todmordenfloodgroup@gmail.com or by phone: 07877 695181

You can contact the Hebden Bridge Flood Action Group on 07580 168254 (please leave a message) or email us at hebden@cvcsg.org

You can contact Mytholmroyd Flood Action Group on mrroydfloodgroup@gmail.com

What are Flood Wardens?

Local volunteers, trained and co-ordinated by the Environment Agency.

What do Flood Wardens do?

- Pass on flood warning information to and from the Environment Agency at any time.
- Actively encourage local residents and businesses to sign up for the Environment Agency's FLOODLINE service on 0345 988 1188.
- Offer advice and information to residents and businesses, especially about property resilience measures and any available funding.
- Check that local people have received flood warnings, once issued.
- Attend regular meetings with people at risk and those who have a role in assisting our communities.
- Identify and support vulnerable members of our communities.
- Provide feedback to Calderdale and local Town and Parish Councils and the Environment Agency about people who are at risk and living in areas prone to flooding.
- Provide vital information before and during flood events such as information on blocked brooks, streams, culverts, drains and the number of properties flooded.
- Help manage local flood stores and resources to assist those affected before, during and after flooding.
- Help manage resources in co-operation with the Flood Groups.

Anyone interested in becoming a Flood Warden should contact the Environment Agency at: Lateral, 8 City Walk, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS11 9AT or by phone: **0113 819 6082**

Countryside Services

Do you have an interest in preserving Calderdale's countryside?

Calderdale Countryside and Woodlands Service is responsible for maintaining and preserving Calderdale's unique landscape.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist us in our work. Volunteer opportunities include practical work, working with school groups, leading guided walks, working in the shop at Ogden Water or survey work.

For further details, please call Philip Singh on 07841 784185

or email Philip.Singh@calderdale.gov.uk



Other volunteering opportunities

- **Treesponsibility** – aims to help educate people about the need for action on climate change and to involve local communities in tree-planting projects to improve our local environment and biodiversity for the benefit of local people and future generations.

• Contact: 07709 690 368 / treesponsibility@yahoo.co.uk

- **Calder Future** – is a partnership between the local community and agencies which have responsibility for waterways within the Calder valley, to bring a co-ordinated approach to river and canal improvements and provide volunteering opportunities for those that live and work next to the water.

• Contact: Gavin Roberts on 07772 318 566 / gavin@calderfuture.org.uk

- **Calder Valley Clean Up** - volunteer group working in partnership to clean up areas of Calderdale.

• Contact: Trevor Bannister on 07340 525294 or info@caldervalleycleanup.org.uk



Become a Volunteer

My Name:

My Email Address:

Confirm Email Address:

Would you like to join a flood group?

Would you assist in the event of a flood?

Flood Warden

Countryside Services

River Cleanups

Tree Planting

Any Comments?

Enter any information to supplement the application...

Send My Details

