

Springing into action....?

Following last issue's **flooding article**, there are a few updates to report.

1) The Village Link website has been given a general overhaul ('responsive', don't you know) but importantly, now includes a page on flooding:

<https://www.villagelink.info/flooding.htm>

2) We have had a good response from residents around North Cave and Everthorpe. If you would still like to write to tell us about your experience, send an email to: flood@villagelink.info

3) The residents who have been liaising thus far (covering South Ings Lane, Townend Lane, Nordham, the Beck, Blanshards Lane, Finkle St, Everthorpe Lane and Everthorpe village) are meeting to discuss flooding, at: North Cave Village Hall (back room), Tuesday 25th Feb, 19:00-21:00. Everyone is welcome to attend.

4) We have been in contact with Flood Management Officers at ERYC and Catchment Officers at the Environment Agency. Before the village meeting, we will have had a site meeting with these Officers to look at the areas noted above. Thus far, there has been a positive

response to the idea of a catchment-based approach to the issues. Any outcomes of the ERYC / EA meeting will be reported at the village meeting.

Thanks again to Wendy for her lovely 'Countryside Concerns'. Just one comment: 12 trees per village? Come on. let's get ambitious - we planted 7 in our garden this winter!

We have produced a 4-page Northern Forest Strategy for HEYwoods (Hull and East Yorkshire Woodlands) here:

<https://www.2bconsultancy.co.uk/northern-forest.htm>

There are tree packs available from Woodland Trust and various sources of funding through HEYwoods. What is really needed is the will to find the right places to plant trees and then to get on with it. It is that simple. If anybody feels upset & powerless about Amazon deforestation or Australian bushfires, we *do* have the power to make a difference in our own back yard. East Yorkshire has the lowest level of tree cover in the UK. Would anybody like to try changing that?