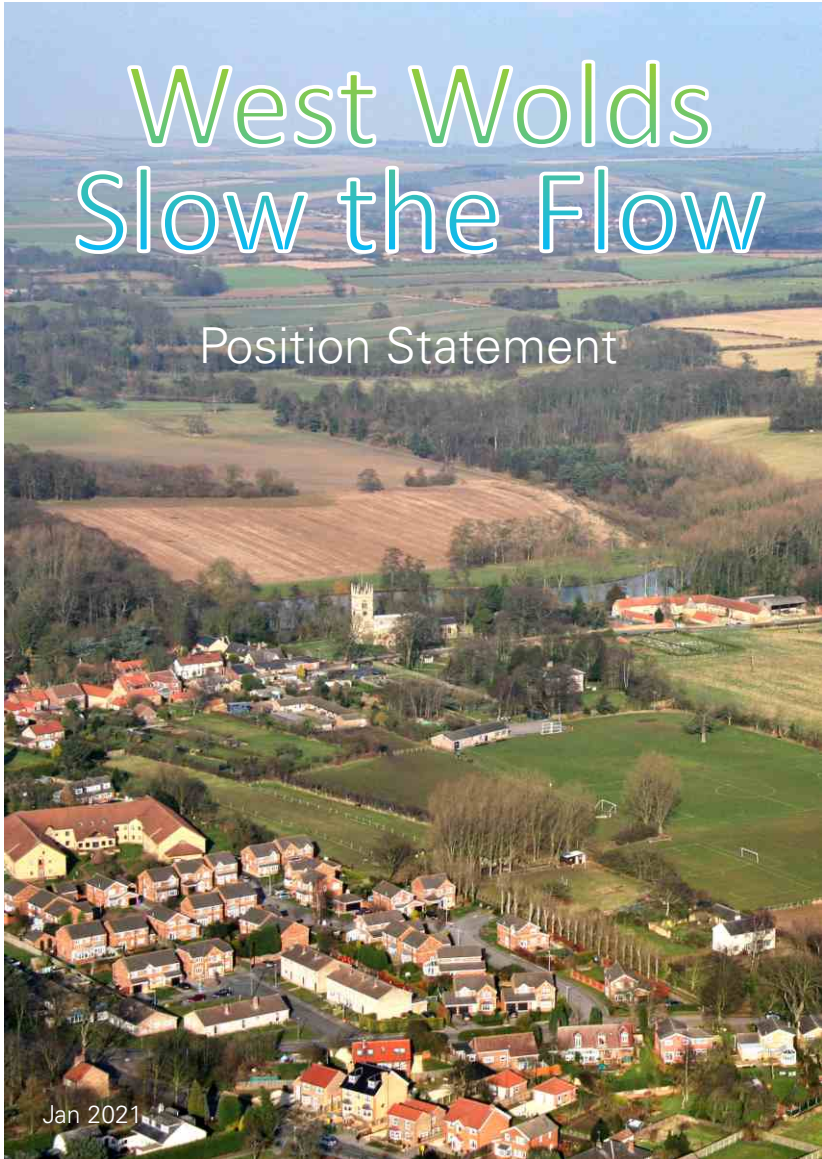


# Village Link

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# West Wolds Slow the Flow

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## Feb-March Update

In the Dec-Jan Village Link issue, we mentioned that we were producing a Position Statement. As you can see from the front cover, this has been completed and published and, based on the responses thus far, has been well-received.

It has generated interest from various people and organisations who agree with the principles of WWSTF and want to get involved. Please take the time to go to the website and read the PDF - it is available from the homepage - link above.

The Position Statement was asked for by our local county councillors so that they can use it to explain what WWSTF is all about, and hopefully generate more support.

If you wonder what we have been doing for the last year, we have had:

- Public meeting North Cave (Feb)
- Site meeting with Flood Risk Agencies North Cave (March)
- 8 meetings with Flood Risk Agencies and Parish Council Reps to set up WWSTF partnership (ongoing)
- Meeting with ERYC Forward Planner ref planning and flooding
- Registered with the National Flood Forum, attended meetings
- 1307 emails to date!
- Submitted first funding bid to Yorkshire Water (unsuccessful - due to stiff competition)
- Created and published the website
- 7 Village Link articles - now 8!
- Agreed and obtained mapping data from ERYC
- Started mapping the area and possible projects
- Position Statement

So this first year, despite lockdown, has been very much about establishing our approach, our area and our working partners, putting the word out about what we are trying to achieve.

In 2021 we want to start developing our proposals in more detail. Immediate plans are to start creating Parish Plans and Case Studies to accompany the Position Statement. These will explain possible projects at particular locations. We will start with North Cave, because that is the area we know best, but we plan to extend to the entire catchment from Newbald to Brantingham, working with Parish Councils and local people, and of course the Flood Risk agencies - East Riding Council, Yorkshire Water and the Environment Agency.

As ever, we want to talk to landowners and farmers, so if you are one, or you know one, get in touch! We will try to contact people over time, but it is difficult to fit everything in on a voluntary basis.

As mentioned last time, we plan a series of Zoom public meetings, so keep a look out for notices in Village Link, on the website and through local social media:

Nextdoor North Cave (<https://nextdoor.co.uk/>) and Facebook North Cave Community Group.

If you feel that WWSTF should be doing more and moving faster, perhaps think what you could do to contribute. We have had some good offers as a result of the Position Statement, but we are still looking for people who can help with website design, social media, publicity, not to mention technical/legal skills. And anyone with local knowledge and a passion for getting organised and/or nature, will be very welcome.

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