

IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

A Flood Warning has been issued by the Environment Agency.

Flood Warning in force: Clay Coton Brook at Clay Coton and Yelvertoft Brook at Yelvertoft.

Flooding is expected for: Clay Coton Village, including Clay Coton Church and defended areas, and Yelvertoft Village, including High Street, Swinnertons Lane, Elkins Close, Elkington Road and Bridgend.

Immediate action required.

River levels have risen at the Clay Coton gauge as a result of heavy rainfall. Consequently, flooding of property is expected from 04:00 today, 09/02/24. We expect flooding to affect properties in Cold Ashby Road in Clay Coton and Yelvertoft Village, including High Street, Swinnertons Lane, Elkins Close, Elkington Road, Bridgend and Ashwells Lane and along Lilbourne Lane.

Further rainfall is forecast over the coming hours, we expect river levels to continue to rise until later this morning.

We are closely monitoring the situation and our incident response staff are actively checking river levels and the weather forecast.

Please plan driving routes to avoid low lying roads near rivers, which may be flooded and call 999 if in immediate danger.

This message will be updated on 09/02/24, or as the situation changes.

What you should consider doing now

- * Act on your flood plan if you have one.
- * Move your family and pets to a safe place.
- * Businesses should inform staff and customers, ensure that they can get to safety and move stock to a safe place.
- * Move your car or other vehicles to higher ground, if it is safe to do so.
- * Use flood protection equipment, such as flood barriers, air brick covers and pumps to protect your property. Any equipment should be professionally supplied and installed to help reduce the impact of flood water.
- * Move important items upstairs or to a safe place in your property, starting with cherished items of personal value that you will not be able to replace (such as family photographs). Next move valuables (such as computers), movable furniture and furnishings.
- * You may need to leave your property, so pack a bag with enough items for a few nights away. Include essential items including a torch with spare batteries, mobile phone and charger, warm

clothes, home insurance information, water, food, first aid kit and any prescription medicines or baby care items you may need.

* Turn off gas, electricity and water mains supplies before flood water starts to enter your property. Never touch an electrical switch if you are standing in water.

* If it is safe to do so, make sure neighbours are aware of the situation and offer help to anyone who may need it.

* Listen to the advice of the emergency services and be ready to evacuate your property if told to do so. Most evacuation centres will let you bring your pets.

* Avoid walking, cycling or driving through flood water. 30 cm of fast-flowing water can move a car and 6 inches can knock an adult off their feet.

* Flood water is dangerous and may be polluted. Wash your hands thoroughly if you've been in contact with it.

To check the latest information for your area

* Visit the GOV.UK website to see the current flood warnings, view river and sea levels or check the 5-day flood risk forecast:

<https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcheck-for-flooding.service.gov.uk%2Ftarget-area%2F033FWF3CLAY001&data=05%7C02%7C%7Cdf64fe2fb51d46dff4f08dc2916ce62%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638430425125425565%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=CVRsU8u1YBgrPTBe1CaH7ssT5Ne%2B%2FZZglEF%2BSFrrceQ%3D&reserved=0>

* Or call Floodline on 0345 988 1188 using quickdial code: 052562.

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* Tune into weather, news and travel bulletins on local television and radio.