



# Ox-Cam Pathfinder Project

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### **Peterborough residents invited to learn about flood resilience at free community events**

**Peterborough City Council and Ox-Cam PFR Pathfinder Project host Property Flood Resilience Day events in Peakirk and Paston Brook on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August**

Residents in Peakirk, Paston Brook and surrounding areas are being invited to special Property Flood Resilience Day events on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August. The event roadshows are being hosted by the Ox-Cam PFR Pathfinder Project in partnership with Peterborough City Council and are designed to help those households and businesses located in areas that have previously seen flooding receive expert advice on board a special 'Floodmobile' vehicle.

With people living in the Peakirk and Paston Brook areas experiencing flooding within the last five years, the event is an opportunity for people to come and learn what can be done to help make their properties resilient against flood water.

The events will be taking place in Peakirk at:

<b>Day</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Opening Times</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Peakirk	Peakirk Village Hall, Peakirk, Peterborough, PE6 7NQ	10am – 4pm

Councillor Emma Crowson at Peakirk Parish Council said, "Peakirk Parish Council welcomes the Flood Resilience Day on 9 August. It is an opportunity for local residents to come and talk to flood resilience experts who can advise us as individuals how to make our properties as flood resilient as we can; the event is free so we would encourage everyone to join us. It may seem unnecessary but who knows what could happen next in this uncertain world so it's good to be prepared and we look forward to seeing you all."

The [Ox-Cam PFR Pathfinder Project](#) is one of three national DEFRA projects, which aims to increase the effective uptake and awareness of PFR across the local authority areas. It will be bringing its Floodmobile demonstration vehicle that includes more than 50 practical measures of flood resilience that people can take to lessen the impact a flood can have on their home or business.

Renowned flood resilience expert and representative for Ox-Cam PFR Pathfinder Project Mary Dhonau OBE will talk to visitors and offer advice, alongside Fola Ogunyoye CEng CWEM FCIWEM, Director of TJAY Consultancy Ltd who has over two decades of expertise in providing flood risk, water and environmental management consultancy services.

Confirms Mary Dhonau OBE: "I've been flooded on many occasions and it's an appalling experience. For people living across Peterborough, the Flood Resilience Day events are an opportunity to learn more about the steps that can be taken to help reduce the impact flooding can have. Many of us invest in smoke alarms or security locks to protect against fires or thefts, however for those living at risk of flooding, water is the most indiscriminate 'burglar' there is. The Property Flood Resilience Days and our Floodmobile is therefore an opportunity to see these first-hand, talk to experts and receive information on just what can be done."

Each event is free to attend and no appointments are needed; simply come along when convenient – everyone is welcome.

For more information on the Ox-Cam Pathfinder Project, visit: <https://www.floodtoolkit.com/ox-cam/> or follow the Ox-Cam PFR Pathfinder on social media: <https://www.facebook.com/OxCamPFR>.

For more information on Peterborough City Council, visit <https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/>.

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**Notes:**

Images of the Ox-Cam PFR Pathfinder's Floodmobile and Mary Dhonau OBE are available to download [here](#).

**About the Ox-Cam Pathfinder Project**

As one of three DEFRA-funded national pathfinder partnerships, the Ox-Cam Property Flood Resilience (PFR) Pathfinder Project was launched to raise awareness of PFR across the extensive Oxfordshire-Cambridgeshire Arc region.