

# Stonehaven Flood Protection Scheme (SFPS) Spring 2019 Newsletter

## Why is this happening?

McLaughlin and Harvey Ltd was appointed as the principal contractor to carry out the works. The scheme is designed to protect homes and business premises which have previously been badly affected by flooding events around the River Carron. The Contractor has previous experience in delivering other schemes ahead of schedule e.g. Water of Leith and River Ness.

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**What is going to happen?** – There will be alteration to five bridges along the River Carron: removing, replacing and raising the Red Bridge and Green Bridge; removing, refurbishing and reinstating the White Bridge in a raised position; replacing the Bridgefield Bridge parapet with a reinforced glass type material; and raising and widening the Beach Bridge. There will also be a pedestrian walkway constructed from the Bridgefield Bridge to the beach.

**When did this start?** - The Project team have moved into the new offices at New Mains of Ury, Stonehaven, AB39 3QA (on the site of the old AWPR offices carpark). Some of the team arrived in the new year dealing with early preparatory and mobilization works. This included pre-condition property surveys, tree removal and vegetation clearance along the Carron Water.

## Project Community Liaison Officer

### Where do we find information?

Sheila Tolmie is the full-time Community Liaison Officer (CLO), she has been out and about meeting and advising property owners/occupiers and stakeholders of upcoming works. Sheila is the point of contact for any questions

In addition, why not pop in for a chat and a cup of tea with Sheila at The Villa Coffee Shop on Thursday mornings from 10 – 12 noon.

You will find Project Display Boards around the town. In addition, the following places will have information; Chemists, Opticians, Co-op, the Medical Centre, Bowling club, Swimming Pool, Butchers, Fishmongers and Drycleaners.

Contact us on [stonehavencommunity@mclh.co.uk](mailto:stonehavencommunity@mclh.co.uk) or

Telephone Sheila on 07867 193 124

## Special points of interest:

- Information Points
- The Community
- Drop in Sessions
- Project Website



### What happened to the trees?

These were taken down by Brett Bain, Tree Specialist and The Dunnottar Bodgers Group were given the opportunity to use for projects. The two big sycamore trees will be carved in to benches/sculptures by an internationally competing carve saw artist who has produced various pieces that are already in use in the community. It is planned that one of the benches may become part of the new landscaped area after the works are completed.

They have already started converting some of the wood in to legs for chairs and stools . They have also reached out to the Grampian woodturners and the Stonehaven wood turners with the option to provide timber for them.

Milltown in Arbuthnott and Rossie school are to collect some of the timber to use in projects with people with learning disabilities and youngsters at their respective facilities.



**Milltown folks  
collecting timber**



### What have we done so far to provide information?

A 'Meet the Team' event was held on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 from 12 noon until 9 p.m. at Stonehaven Bowling Club. The event was very well supported with over 70 Stakeholders including members of the Flood Action Group and HM Coastguard. They were given the opportunity to view the proposed construction programme, raise any concerns and ask questions of the project team.

The main request was for good clear communication for those affected by the works on a regular basis to help alleviate any concerns and worries.

**Kathryn Speers, Undergraduate Engineer &  
David MacDonald, Secretary of Flood Action Group**

### What can we expect to see happening now?

A programme of upcoming works is available to view on the project website. As a quick guide however, please note that in the next three months the following works will commence:

- ⇒ Site hoarding will be erected
- ⇒ The White Bridge is away for refurbishment
- ⇒ The Beach Bridge will have a temporary diversion installed
- ⇒ Main construction works will commence along the north side of the Carron Water from Beach Bridge up Cameron Street

**The New Project Website is now live**

**<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/environment/flooding/stonehaven-fps/>**