

Press release: Flood defence improvement plans shared at Burton regatta

On 9 July 2017, visitors to Burton's famous regatta had an opportunity to find out about the planned £17 million improvement works to the town's flood defences. Staff from the Environment Agency were at the event to discuss the scheme and also spread awareness about being more flood resilient.

Burton has flooded regularly over the centuries. Ten years ago during summer the defences were put to the test when England and Wales suffered its worst ever flooding, with 414mm (16 inches) of rain between May to July, the most since records began in 1766.

The planned works to the Burton flood defences will see improvements to the 9km of existing defences that already protect more than 7,000 homes and businesses in the town, with a further 3,358 properties set to benefit. The work, due to start in October 2018, with a completion date of March 2020, will enable further transformation of the town centre to allow it to become more sustainable.

Mark Swain, who heads the Environment Agency's Staffordshire flood risk team, said:

Burton is a major transport and business centre. The defences have prevented flooding for 100 days in the last 30 years. The cost to families and businesses if those defences had not been there would have been astronomical.

But we can't afford to rest on our laurels; we're working with our partners and the people of Burton to protect thousands more homes and businesses for the future.

That's why it was so important for us to be at the regatta, explaining our plans and how everyone can do their bit to reduce flood risk.

As well as the plans for the new works and how to become more resilient, visitors to the regatta were also able to find out how the Environment Agency's remote-control survey boats work and what is being done across Staffordshire to protect people and properties from flooding.

Press release: Change of British High Commissioner to Cyprus

2017 Full time language training 2013 – 2017 FC0, Director, Asia Pacific 2009 – 2013 Manila, Her Majesty's Ambassador and Non-Resident Ambassador to Palau, the Marshall Islands and Micronesia 2006 – 2009 FC0, Head, Far Eastern Department 2003 – 2006 New Delhi, Counsellor (Economic) and Director of Trade & Investment 1999 – 2003 Guangzhou, Her Majesty's Consul-General 1998 – 1999 FC0, Deputy Head, China Hong Kong Department 1997 – 1998 FC0, Head of Section, Hong Kong Department 1996 – 1997 FC0, Head of Section, European Union Department (Internal) 1992 – 1995 Beijing, Second later First Secretary (Economic and Political) 1989 – 1991 Full time language training (Mandarin) 1988 – 1989 FC0, Assistant Desk Officer, Middle East Department

News story: VMD Pharmaceutical Industry Event Presentation 2017

On Friday 23rd June 2017 the VMD held an Information Event for the pharmaceutical industry. Those able to attend saw presentations covering the following topics:

- Update on EU Exit
- Update on the new Regulations and the Great Repeal Bill
- Industry perspective on the Cascade
- Reduction of regulatory burden
- Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing,
- Autogenous vaccines
- Products Quality Defects
- Environments Risk Assessment update
- The Latest developments in AMR activities

A copy of the presentation slides are available: [Pharm Industry Day Presentation 23 June 2017](#) (PDF, 5.29MB, 162 pages)

Notice: Loveden Estates Limited:

application made to abstract water

The Environment Agency consult the public on certain applications for the abstraction and impoundment of water.

These notices explain:

- what the application is about
- which Environment Agency offices you can visit to see the application documents on the public register
- when you need to comment by

Official Statistics: Public Opinion of Forestry 2017: UK and England

This release presents results from the latest survey of public attitudes to forestry and forestry-related issues across the UK. Topics covered include woodland recreation, importance of forestry, engagement with forest issues, climate change, tree health, urban woodlands and accessibility.