<u>New flood warnings for Etwall help</u> <u>communities be better prepared</u>

- New flood warnings now available for communities in Etwall, Derbyshire
- Helping people to be better prepared
- The risk of flooding to these areas has not increased and will not affect insurance

The Environment Agency will be writing this week inviting people in Etwall to take advantage of this free service, which is available by text message, telephone or email.

We are always looking for ways to help communities impacted by flooding be better prepared.

During the last winter we saw some of the highest river levels ever recorded across the West Midlands, and as part of the continuous improvement of our flood warning service, we have been able to expand the service.

Data from recent years has shown that additional warnings, along with the existing ones, would help those living and working in Etwall.

These new warnings do not show a change in flood risk, they mean we can give people better, more targeted information about when flooding may happen.

It is important that everyone knows if their property or business is at risk of flooding and it is a simple and quick process to find out.

To check if your property is now within the new warning area visit https://gov.uk/check-flood-risk or call Floodline on 0345 988 1188.

Fully register now to receive the following:

- Flood Alerts, when flooding to low lying land and roads is possible
- Flood Warnings, when flooding to residential property is expected
- You can register for more than one location

If residents decide not to fully register, your mobile phone service provider may automatically register you to receive a free text alert flood warning for your home area as an opt out service.

However you will not receive all the available information, so we still recommend full sign up.

If residents have any problems accessing the service, or any other questions,

please contact us at <u>floodresilience@environment-agency.gov.uk</u> where someone will be happy to assist.

Notes to editors

The government recently unveiled its <u>long-term plan to tackle the risks of</u> <u>flooding and coastal erosion</u>, ensuring 336,000 properties in England are better protected from flooding by 2027 with a record £5.2 billion investment.

The Environment Agency also published its <u>Flood and Coast Erosion Risk</u> <u>Management Strategy</u>, a blueprint setting out how it will work with communities to deliver the government's plan.

More information can be found on $\underline{GOV UK}$ or call our Floodline on 0345 988 11 88.