

## **Community Commitment Statement Guidance.**

This is guidance to help the completion of Operation Watershed applications Community Commitment Statement section.

Please consider the following and provide a statement detailing.

### **What the Group is contributing to the delivery of this project in terms of management, funding, volunteers.**

Please provide an estimate of the time that has or is being allocated to spend on the following as an indication of the time and resource that has been identified your authority/group for this work.

- **Project Development including where appropriate**
  - Conversations with Landowners/Riparian Owners regarding ditches & watercourses
  - Discussions with local residents and businesses
  - Work to develop a Technical Scope with District/Borough Drainage Engineer or WSCC Flood Risk Management team
  - Conversations with any other organisation who have some input or provide consent e.g Southern Water or the Environment Agency
  - Conversations with Contractors and site visits for quotations
  - Application preparation
- **Project Management - post funds awarded**
  - Discussions with preferred contractor delivering the work
  - Site visits during work
  - Communication with Landowners/Residents
- **Volunteers undertaking work**
  - Hours set aside to undertake the task
  - Number of volunteers you are looking to work with

### **What commitment the Group will make to ongoing maintenance where appropriate.**

Indicate which activity out of the following list the Parish/Town Council and Community Group are or will be progress

- Monitoring drainage infrastructure e.g highway gullies
- Example of how
  
- Monitoring/Maintaining Ditch Network
- Example of how

### **What the Group will contribute to further outcomes after completion of this project;**

Activities can be wider than the specific project being funded and could include one or more of the following:

Give examples of how the Parish/Town Council and Community Group would look to achieve these:

- Raise awareness around flood risk in the local area and what people could do to reduce it

- Raise Riparian Awareness on managing ditches & watercourse to landowners & residence
- Monitoring programme of key drainage assets inc ditches and gullies/culverts e.g by Flood or Ditch Wardens or volunteers
- Parish or Town Council identified budget through their precept to undertake maintenance of key drainage assets.
- Is drainage and managing flood risk a regular agenda item on any committee or group within the Paris or Town Council and Community Group?
- Community Group identified resources e.g funding or volunteers to undertake maintenance of key drainage assets.

**How this project will bring your community closer together.**

An example would be if the project is looking to support the development of joint working or partnerships within the community including

- Closer working with landowners & residents who have a riparian responsibility
- Establishment of group to monitor and maintain drainage network e.g pond, ditches, and highway gully tops clear of leaves.