

EAST PECKHAM PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVATES COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

Heavy rain is forecast within the next 24 – 48 hours which may lead to localised flooding. The risk seems to be more from water runoff from the land than river flooding. The sandbag containers have both been opened.

If you require help in an emergency, please telephone 07804 143224 or TMBC's Emergency Planning Officer on 07740 185365

Here is an update on the potential for torrential downpours and thunderstorms through the next couple of days. An **Amber Warning** for RAIN has been issued this morning for **Kent, East Sussex and Brighton & Hove** and further details are provided below.

Warnings Issued:

- Amber RAIN Warning (Medium Likelihood of Medium Impacts) valid 1800 on Wednesday 22nd June to 0600 on Thursday 23rd June 2016
- Yellow RAIN Warning (Low Likelihood of Medium Impacts) valid 1800 on Wednesday 22nd June to 0600 on Friday 24th June 2016

Headline: The likelihood for intense thundery showers to bring disruption to parts of Southeast England later today and overnight into Thursday morning has now increased. Whilst many places will see very little rain if any, some locations may experience some intense downpours, leading to the risk of flooding and disruption to transport. The further south and east you are, the more likely it is that we will see greater impacts. Hail and frequent lightning may also be additional hazards.

Next 24-48 hours:

Staying largely dry through much of today with some sunny spells at times. Increasingly warm and humid air is expected to arrive from the continent this evening, bringing with it an increased risk of **thunderstorms**. At this stage, there is still some uncertainty in how far north and west this will extend, and also how widely and exactly where thunderstorms will develop, although the further south and east you are, the greater the risk. Where thunderstorms do occur, **30 mm or more** could fall **in an hour very locally**, with **50 mm or more** within **two or three hours**. This brings the risk of **flooding from surface water or small rivers** and **disruption to transport**. **Frequent lightning** and **hail** may also be an additional hazards.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber RAIN Warning (Medium Likelihood of Medium Impacts)** to highlight the locations that are likely to see the greatest and most widespread disruption later today, overnight into Thursday morning, namely **Kent, East Sussex and Brighton & Hove**. The Yellow RAIN Alert issued for a wider area yesterday has also been updated this morning to become a **Yellow RAIN Warning (Low Likelihood of Medium Impacts)** to reflect the increase in confidence of seeing medium impacts over a wider proportion of Southeast England from this evening, through Thursday and into Friday morning. Guidance on the impacts we can expect to see is available in the [National Severe Weather Warning Service Impact Tables](#). The latest warnings can be viewed via [Hazard Manager](#) or on the [Met Office website](#).

Given the uncertain nature of the weather over the next few days, further updates to Warnings are likely. I would encourage you to keep a look out for any short-notice updates and to monitor the development and movement of rainfall areas via [Hazard Manager](#) or on the [Met Office website](#).

Further Ahead:

After the overnight thundery rain, sunny spells are likely to develop on Friday although further showers remain possible. Saturday will see some warm sunshine , perhaps with further slow-moving thundery showers. It is expected to be dry for much of Sunday, but there may be rain later.