



ARUNDEL TOWN COUNCIL

VACANCY FOR VOLUNTARY ASSISTANT FLOOD DEFENCE ADVISOR

Arundel benefits enormously from the voluntary work done by the Town Council's specialist advisors. We are now seeking to appoint an assistant to work with our Flood Defence Advisor, Derek Waller.

The Role

Whilst we welcome the Tidal Flood Defences that have been built to protect our town, Arundel remains potentially vulnerable to both tidal floods, emanating from less well-protected areas along the Arun Valley and to surface water flooding. As we have seen from events in Germany and Belgium in recent months, climate change is increasing this risk.

Our Flood Advisor plays a major part in keeping Arundel safe, ensuring that the drains, drainage channels, ditches and watercourses of Arundel are maintained and clear of blockage. This is achieved through ongoing dialogue with the Norfolk and Angmering Estate management, other local landowners, the Environment Agency, Highways England and Southern Water to ensure that agreed programmes are implemented on time and that statutory organisations carry out their obligations. The role entails identifying the many varied factors that can cause risk, and drawing them to the attention of the relevant people and organisations.

The Assistant Flood Advisor will work with Derek Waller on all aspects of Arundel's flood defence programme. The terms of reference for the Flood Advisor are as follows:

- To advise the council on all aspects of flood risk and flood defences in Arundel, including attending relevant council meetings.
- To help the council to maintain timely communications of all flood and flood defence issues with Arundel residents.
- To act as the council's primary contact point with the Environment Agency, contractors and all other third-party organisations involved in Flood Defences.
- To submit quarterly flood updates to Full Council.

The role requires persistence, good powers of communication and persuasion, a readiness to deal with detail, and not being daunted by the need to get to grips with the legislation and other rules which govern the work of public bodies. Good interpersonal skills and the ability to build good working relationships with the officers of statutory bodies whilst ensuring that they deliver for Arundel are key. Prior knowledge or experience is not essential since full training will be given.

The role is voluntary but any reasonable expenses will be covered.

To Apply

For further details contact the Town Clerk.

Address: Arundel Town Hall, Maltravers Street, Arundel, BN18 9AP

Telephone: 01903 882954 e-mail: Admin@arundeltowncouncil.gov.uk