

Preface

Burscough is a great place to live work and visit, and we understand fully why developers want to build here, and why there are eager buyers for new homes. But those new homes and new industrial and commercial premises bring issues that concern us all very much: Our infrastructure is old and in many places isn't coping with the demands on it. Foul sewer surcharging, and surface water flooding to highways homes and fields cause massive distress to home owners and to business owners, through no fault of their own, and those people don't deserve that.

The following pages provide up to date, thoroughly researched and checked data concerning flooding in Burscough. Burscough Flood Group has worked tirelessly to prepare this very comprehensive report into the state of our drainage network in Burscough today. The substantial report appended has been compiled by Drainage Consultants SCP and follows the route of one catchment area, and while completed independently and without reference to the register of flooding events in Burscough, serves to validate the findings of Burscough Flood Group's report. Copies are available on the Parish Council website, www.burscoughpc.co.uk, or to view at the Parish Council Office.

The report demonstrates the extent of flooding in Burscough, and that sometimes reasons for the flooding are complex and are created by a range of constraints. By working together, drawing on, and taking both local knowledge and professional expertise seriously, issues can be identified and solutions put in place before development takes place.

I am pleased to commend this report to you, and to congratulate Burscough Flood Group on the completion of this excellent resource. We urge all agencies that are tasked with ensuring flood risk is minimised, to make use of it and the expert knowledge that local people hold.

By working together to find long term solutions, Burscough can continue to be a great place to make your home.

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