

Dear resident,

On Wednesday the 6th of November there will be a trial deployment of the Watergate flood barrier in the area of the "wild flower garden" starting at 10.00am approximately. Briggs, the standby contractor is required by the Council to carry out at least one trial deployment a year by prior arrangement as part of their contract. They can also be asked to carry out a "surprise" deployment when they are given no warning and are expected to respond as if it was a real emergency.

If you are interested in seeing how the barrier can be put together in a relatively short period of time then please come along to see how it is done. It is expected that Briggs will offload sections of the barrier on Bremner Way near the bus stop and then take them to the designated areas of the "Garden" where they will be put together.

Briggs will also be bringing with them three large volume water pumps which are designed to deal with any water which gets past the barrier and into Kembhill Park. These will be located in the car park at the back of numbers 37, 39 and 41 Kembhill Park as well as in Waterside Court and at the front of number 103 Kembhill Park. Large lengths of hose will be run from these pumps towards the river and will be in place for a limited period of time. It is hoped that these hoses will not prove to be an inconvenience to anyone and that the trial deployment will pass off without incident.

If you are not yet a member of KPFG or have not renewed your membership for this year please consider paying the £5 annual fee as the more folk who are members the stronger our voice will be when it comes to meetings with the Council and other bodies. If you need a membership form please let me know by dropping a note through my door at 121 Kembhill Park and I will arrange for a form to be delivered to you.

I look forward to seeing lots of folk from Kembhill Park and surrounding area on the 6th of November but if you have any questions in the meantime please let me know at chairman@kpfg.org.uk. or drop me a note at my home address.

Yours sincerely, Ken Ledingham, Chairman, Kembhill Park Flood Group. Charity number SCO470830