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### **ARE YOU FLOOD AWARE? FIND OUT HOW TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM FLOODING.**

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS) is supporting Thames Valley Flood Awareness Month which starts this week.

Following the flooding in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire and in response to residents' concerns, the Environment Agency, the emergency services, the National Flood Forum, local authorities and water companies have organised a month of flood awareness activities.

These include Flood Protection Product Fairs where residents will be able to:

- Find out if their home is in a flood risk area
- Get information on flood warning services and how to sign up
- Get advice on how to protect their home from flooding
- Look at the types of flood defence equipment available to buy
- Develop their own home or business flood plan

Flood fairs and displays will take place at Reading Central Library (9 October, 2pm-5pm); Wraysbury Village Hall (13 October, 2pm-6pm); Queensmere Shopping Centre, Slough and Pinder Hall, Cookham (15 October, 2pm-8pm). There will also be a flood awareness display and information for local residents at Wokingham Civic Centre this week.

Area Manager Andy Mancey, of Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service, said; "These events are designed to offer help and advice to people who have suffered flooding or may be at risk of flooding. There is a great deal that people can do to help protect their homes and businesses but they may not know where to find out what to do. They will also explain the role of all the different response agencies so that people will understand exactly who to call if they need to."

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