

# Stroud Rural Sustainable Drainage Project. Project update & highlights

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# What is Rural Sustainable Drainage?

Flood management that makes a +ve contribution to achieving environmental objectives.

Community deeply involved in all aspects

A local solution, using local labour, local materials and local expertise

Large number of small interventions dispersed around catchment, low risk, low cost.

# What have we built and done?

- 250+ Interventions (inc 150 Large Woody Debris leaky dams in 4 tributaries)
- 12 owned privately, 4 by NGO
- 9 Different agri/woodland contractors
- 5 projects built by landowners themselves
- >150 days volunteer time
- >200 people from LAs, Agencies, Community flood groups, NFU
- 2 Films to publicise the project (4000+ viewings)
- > £200k of external funding invested in Stroud District to date.

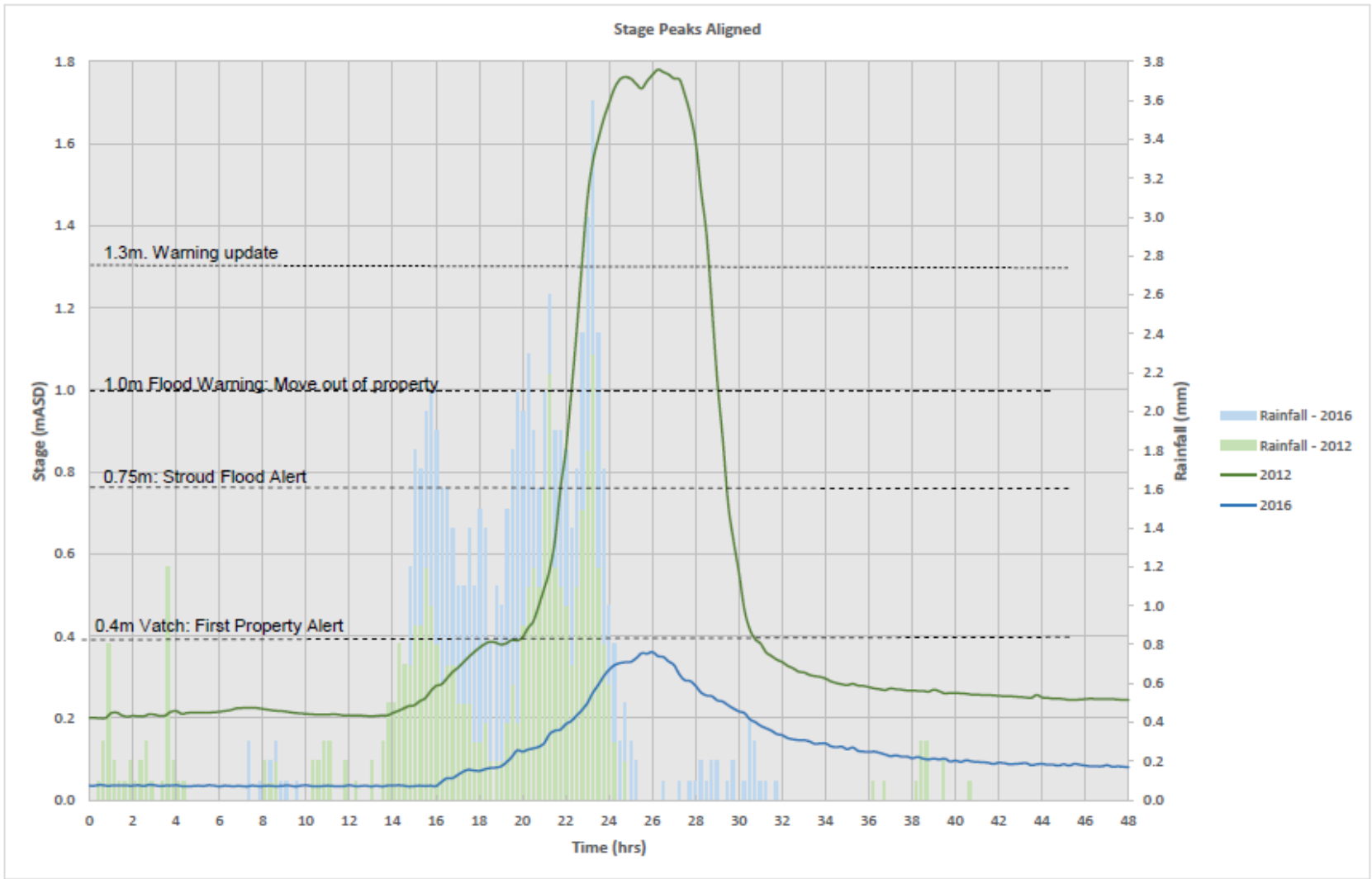




















# Lessons Learned from Stroud

1. Keep it local & community lead
2. Build capacity in landowners, local contractors & volunteer groups
3. Build small and many rather than few and large.
4. Start as upstream as possible
5. Don't wait for perfect data before building. Focus on low risk, certain wins to gain confidence.

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