



# **Rossendale Valley: A tale of communities and flash floods**

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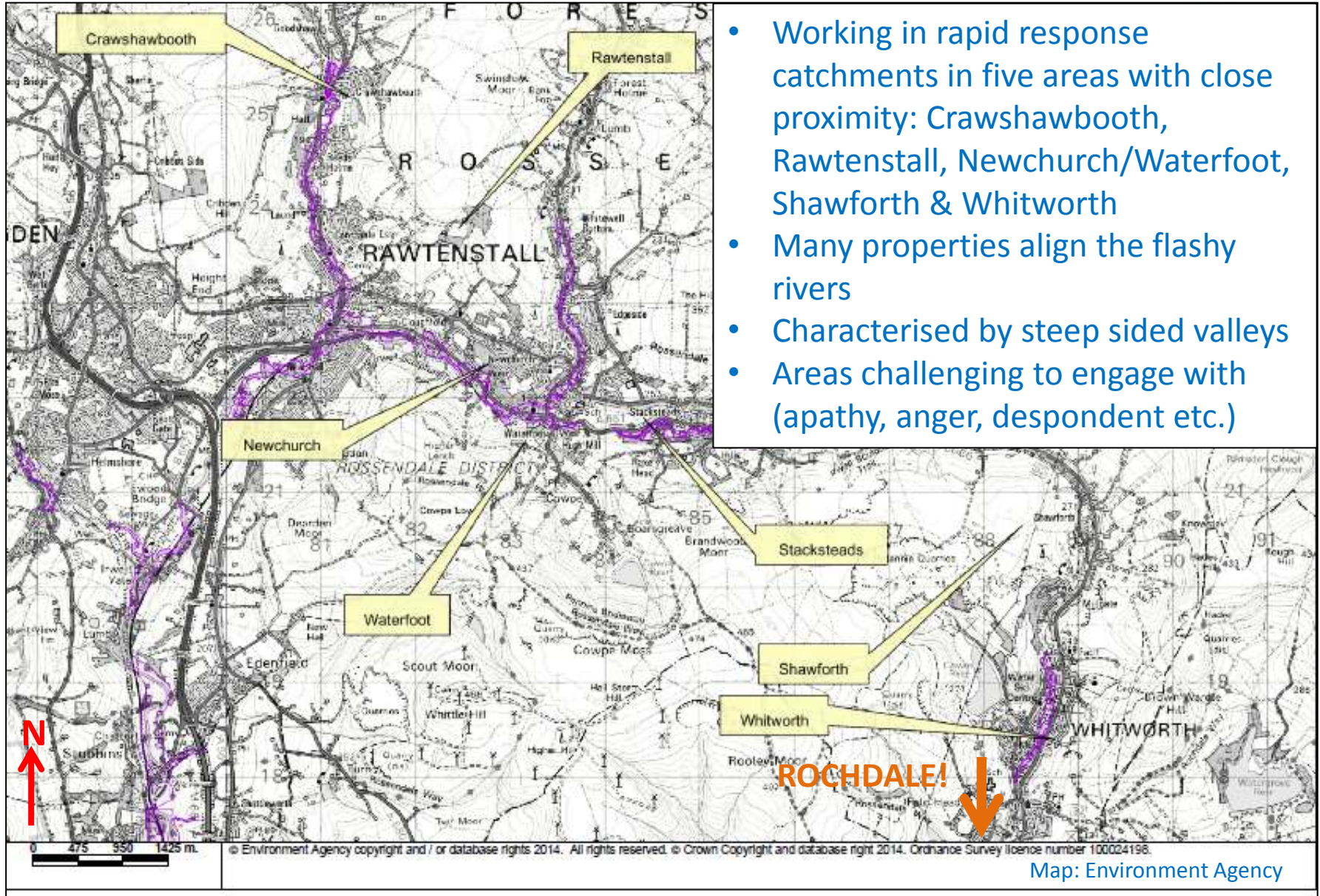
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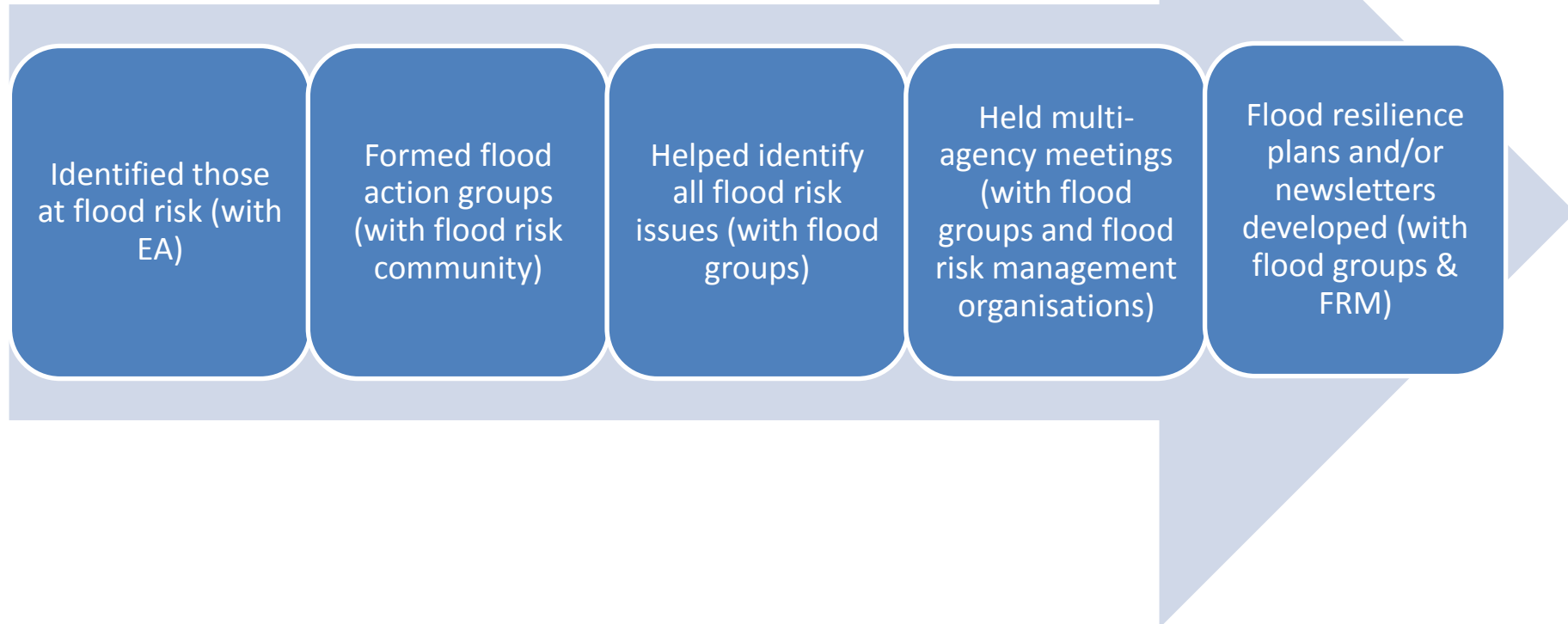
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**'Supporting and Representing Flood Risk Communities'**

# Why the project came about?



# *What National Flood Forum did and with who?*



Identified those at flood risk (with EA)

Formed flood action groups (with flood risk community)

Helped identify all flood risk issues (with flood groups)

Held multi-agency meetings (with flood groups and flood risk management organisations)

Flood resilience plans and/or newsletters developed (with flood groups & FRM)

# What were the challenges?



National Flood Forum raising awareness with Environment Agency in Rawtenstall (Photo: Environment Agency)

Example invitation sent to all those at flood risk in Waterfoot (Invitation: National Flood Forum)

## Have you been affected by flooding?

Are you concerned about your flood risk?

Do you want to shape the future of flood risk management in Waterfoot?

If yes, you are warmly invited to join the National Flood Forum to discuss how we can support you to try to resolve flooding issues and reduce flood risk in Waterfoot and surrounding areas.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 at 6.30pm

The Masons Arms, 254 Burnley Road East, Waterfoot, BB4 9HU

Interested but cannot make it?  
Questions?  
Queries? Concerns?

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# Benefits, Achievements and the Future



Rawtenstall Flood Forum's First Multi-Agency Meeting (Photo: RFF)

## WHITWORTH NEWS

### GROUP MEETS TO REDUCE FLOODING IN WHITWORTH

Following flooding in recent years a charity called the National Flood Forum is working with local people to set up a group to tackle issues and reduce flooding in Whitworth. Even if your home has not been flooded this can directly benefit you as it will make insurance easier and cheaper if Whitworth becomes less of a flood risk area. One of the biggest challenges in managing flood risk for communities on the River Spodden is that changing weather patterns mean there is more heavy rainfall in summer months, leading to flash flooding.

Whitworth Flood Forum 'going live' after successful multi-agency meeting (Article: Whitworth Valley News)



Environment Agency tackling Japanese Knotweed after Shawforth Flood Forum's first multi-agency meeting (Photo: Environment Agency)

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