

FLOOD RECOVERY

WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT: A TIMELINE

Once the initial impact of a flood event has settled, there will still be a lot to deal with in the following weeks, months or even years. Below is a timeline guide of what you could expect to happen after a flood event, and the roles that some organisations may play.

DAYS

- Disruption to infrastructure such as roads, bridges, power supplies and buildings
- Increased police activity
- Advice and support from the Environment Agency, volunteer organisations or other agencies
- Flood risk management authorities out in the area mapping affected areas and collecting baseline data of the impact

WEEKS

- Loss adjusters visit properties to assess insurance claims
- Local authorities active in allocating flood funds and assisting affected families
- Environment Agency start to assess the damage, prioritise repairs and begin repairs

MONTHS

- Flood recovery grants may become available for affected properties - contact your local council
- Repairs may be ongoing for several months
- Local authorities may hold reviews to measure the extent of the damage and create a plan of action
- Lead Local Flood Authorities may start to produce a Section 19 report if they decide one is necessary

1 YEAR+

- Flood risk management authorities planning or beginning construction of improved flood defences
- Major infrastructure repairs and development of flood defences may continue for several years
- Communities may be active in setting up a community flood group to become more prepared and resilient for future flooding