



# THE FLOOD HUB Newsletter

## NEWS

### Construction work on the Flood Alleviation Scheme begins in West Kirby, Wirral

### 50 projects receive up to £100,000 to boost investment in nature

### The Environment Agency have launched new flood warning services in Chorley, Bolton-by-Bowland, Poulton-le-Fylde, Ribchester, Chatburn, Cartmel and Cark

### Community Flood Scheme Information Hub in Kendal is ready to welcome visitors

### Over 314,000 homes better protected due to flood protection work

### Fatbergs, cuddly toys and Buzz Lightyear – the disgusting things sewage workers have found in Cumbrian drains

## NEW CONTENT ADDED TO THE FLOOD HUB MAY

- Blog: '[Business Flood Planning](#)'
- Blog: '[Business Flood Insurance](#)'
- Blog: '[Business Flood Resilience](#)'
- '[Links to Other Learning Resources](#)' section
- Information on the '[Build Back Better](#)' scheme.
- Information on [future funding for landowners](#)
- Information and video on the '[role of Town and Country Planning in flood and coastal resilience](#)'. It explains how and why planning must consider flood risk and explores different options and opportunities.

## JUNE

- Blog: '[Dam! Have beavers been the answer to managing flood risk all this time?](#)'
- Blog: '[For Peats Sake!](#)'
- Blog: '[Multiple Benefits of Natural Flood Management](#)'
- Blog: '[Does Natural Flood Management fit in the urban environment?](#)'
- Blog: '[Why coastal defences aren't always viable](#)'
- [West Kirby Flood Alleviation Scheme](#) page
- [Northwich Flood Risk Management Scheme](#) page

## TOP TIPS

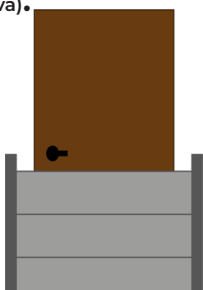
- Regularly review your flood plan to ensure that contact details are up to date.
- Create a maintenance schedule to check that property flood resilience measures still function correctly. Practice installing them periodically.
- Fully test your flood plan once finished, and run a 'flood drill' so everyone in the house knows what to do and what to expect if you ever have to put your plan into place.

## FLOOD FACT

More than half of all UK residents (55%) haven't heard about flood resistance and resilience measures (Aviva).

Check out our '[Property Flood Resilience \(PFR\)](#)' page to learn all about it:

[www.thefloodhub.co.uk/pfr](http://www.thefloodhub.co.uk/pfr)



# NEWGROUND FLOOD TEAM UPDATE

Over the last quarter, the Newground Flood team have worked with partners and the Environment Agency in engaging with residents in Rossendale. This has led to the formation of a new community flood group, with the group wishing to initially focus on addressing flood risk issues within their community. They are now in the process of holding their first multi-agency meeting to engage positively with risk management authorities to discuss issues and actions to reduce flood risk from various sources. The group have also set-up their own social media page and plan to raise awareness of flood risk issues and resilience within their community.

The Newground Flood Team have also been supporting an existing flood group in Wigan to develop their community flood action plan, which will help to provide a resident-led, coordinated response to support vulnerable residents and the community when flooding is expected. The group are also working alongside risk management authorities to reduce flood risk.

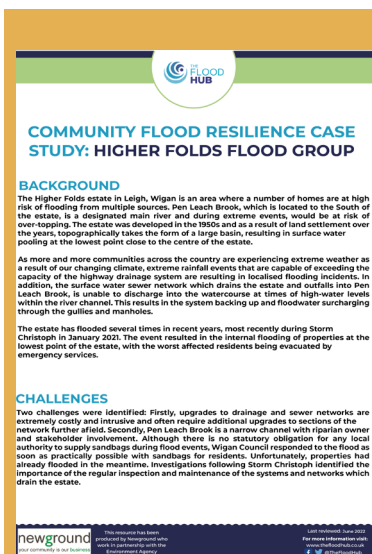
The Newground Flood Team have also worked alongside the Environment Agency to engage with residents of a communal apartment building in Didsbury, Manchester, around flooding and flood resilience. The Team also joined partner agencies in taking part in the iCASP communicating flood risk engagement exercise.

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## FEATURED CASE STUDY



### Community Flood Resilience Case Study: Higher Folds Flood Group

The Higher Folds estate in Leigh, Wigan is an area where a number of homes are at high risk of flooding from multiple sources. The estate has flooded several times in recent years, most recently during Storm Christoph in January 2021.

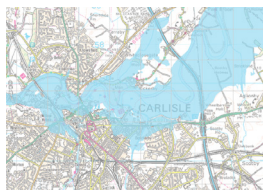
With the support of Wigan Council, The Environment Agency and Newground, residents have organised and formed a flood action group, who are currently developing a community emergency flood plan in order to plan and prepare for future flood events and assist those most vulnerable during a flood event.

**[Download the case study here to find out more](#)**

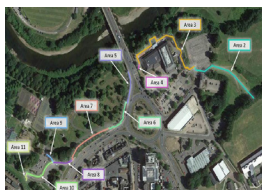
**Would you like to be involved? If your community flood group is based in the North West and would like to feature as a case study on our website and in an upcoming newsletter, please get in contact!**

# FLOOD SCHEME UPDATES

CARLISLE



CARLISLE PHASE 2



HAMBLETON



KENDAL



LANCASTER



LOW CROSBY



NORTHWICH



PADIHAM



PENKETH AND WHITTLE



PRESTON AND SOUTH RIBBLE



RADCLIFFE AND REDVALES



RICKERBY



ROCHDALE AND LITTLEBOROUGH



UPPER KENT



WEST KIRBY



For information on how Flood Risk Management Schemes are funded and delivered, please [click here](#).

## Downloads

- [West Kirby Flood Alleviation Scheme Newsletters](#) - May and June 2022
- [Low Crosby Flood Risk Management Scheme Newsletter](#) - June 2022
- [Preston and South Ribble Flood Risk Management Scheme Newsletter](#) - May 2022
- [Kent Catchment Flood Risk Management Scheme Update](#) - May 2022
- [Preston and South Ribble Flood Risk Management Scheme Margaret Road Virtual Residents Meeting](#) - April 2022
- [Low Crosby Flood Risk Management Scheme Newsletter](#) - April 2022

For information and downloads on the proposed and completed flood risk management schemes in the North West, please [click here](#).

## USEFUL LINKS & CONTACTS

### Sign up for flood warnings:

- Environment Agency Floodline: **0345 988 1188**
- <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

### Reporting flooding:

- Environment Agency Incident Hotline: **0800 80 70 60**
- United Utilities: **0345 672 3723**
- Lead Local Flood Authority: This will either be the District Council, provided it is a Unitary Authority, or the County Council. [Find your local council here](#).

## KNOWLEDGE HUB

- [A Catchment Approach to Managing Flood Risk Toolkit](#)
- [Environment Agency Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy Roadmap to 2026](#)

**8** [New Blogs](#)

**2** [Case Studies](#)

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