

Old Courthouse Building, Cockermouth

20 October 2023

Temporary Change to the Flood Warning Threshold

In response to the heightened concerns around any potential impacts of flooding from the partial collapse of the Old Courthouse building, we have temporarily lowered our flood warning threshold for the following flood warning area - Rivers Cocker and Derwent at Cockermouth, Bridge Street, Crown Street, High Sand Lane and Main Street.

Our aim in doing this, is to allow local residents additional lead time in advance of a flood event. In particular, we are aware that some vulnerable residents may require more notice to take any necessary action.

Those registered to receive the flood warning do not need to take any action – they will continue to receive the flood warning as per their Flood Warning System registration. We have simply lowered the threshold on the River Cocker at the South Street Footbridge gauge which determines if and when the warning would be issued.

Please be reassured that we have put in procedures for monitoring Cockermouth closely so that we can organise any operational response at the earliest opportunity.

Further Information

If you have any further questions about flood risk at Cockermouth, please contact the Environment Agency at:

Inforequests.cmbinc@environment-agency.gov.uk

