

FLOOD Quarterly Newsletter HUB Issue 18. July 2024

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NEWS

Increase in floods during summer months, analysis reveals

BeFloodReady, CIWEM's Community of Practice for PFR, goes live

Oil and greases diverted from North West **Sewers**

Warm May and Spring for the UK

Farming Recovery Fund expanded

Preston and South Ribble Flood Scheme wins award

Cumbrian village receives 150 water butts

Spring starts with a mild and wet March

Rainwater Capture Cube at RHS Urban reveals thinking 'inside the box' to tackle flooding

Government opens fund to support farmers affected by flooding

Lloyds Banking Group makes £50k investment in project aiming to reduce flood risk in Keswick

Alt Catchment NFM Bid Success

NEW CONTENT ADDED TO THE FLOOD HUB

- Unpave the Way Project page (more information on page 3)
- 'How the Coastline is Managed' resource
- Blog: Property Flood Resilience (PFR) Things to Consider

FUTURE FLOOD HUB CAMPAIGNS

August:

- Focus on the 'Learning' section of The Flood Hub
- Recap of the 2023-24 Storms & Storm **Names**

September:

Flood Safety

You can follow these campaigns on our social media channels X, Facebook and LinkedIn.

As well as focus weeks, we also post daily flood related content on our social media channels, to help raise awareness of the topic of flooding and top tips on how to plan and prepare for a potential flood event.

Are you at risk of flooding?

Visit www.thefloodhub.co.uk/am-l-at-risk or scan the QR code to check whether you're at risk and to find out more about:

- Flood Risk Maps
- Flood warnings and triggers
- Types of flooding and who's responsible
- Quick actions to take if flooding is expected



FLOOD SCHEME UPDATES PROPOSED FLOOD SCHEMES

These schemes are currently still in the appraisal stage meaning funding has not been secured. There is therefore no guarantee that they will secure funding and progress to a completed flood scheme.

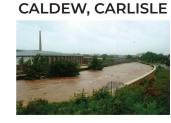
BURROW BECK, SOUTH LANCASTER



HAZEL GROVE AND OFFERTON GREEN



WHALLEY



HINDLEY



COCKERMOUTH



RIVER IRWELL AT KEARSLEY



HAMBLETON



SANKEY BROOK





IN PROGRESS FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME (FRMS) UPDATES

APPLEBY



PADIHAM



ROCHDALE AND LITTLEBOROUGH



CARLISLE PHASE 1B



PENKETH AND WHITTLE



UPPER KENT



CARLISLE PHASE 2



PRESTON AND SOUTH RIBBLE



KENDAL



RADCLIFFE AND REDVALES



FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME (FRMS) UPDATES

- Appleby FRMS Update June 2024
- Kendal FRMS Aynam Road Headwall Works Update June 2024
- Padiham FRMS Upcoming and Completed Works Update June 2024
- Rochdale and Littlebororugh FRMS Littleborough update June 2024
- Kendal FRMS Waterside Construction Update June 2024
- Kendal FRMS Aynam Road Riverside Works Update May 2024
- Preston and South Ribble FRMS Newsletter April 2024
- Radcliffe and Redvales FRMS Newsletter April 2024

For information and downloads on the flood risk management schemes in the North West, please <u>click here</u>.

UNPAVE THE WAY

Unpave the Way is an innovative and collaborative project between the North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, the Environment Agency, United Utilities, and Lancashire County Council.

Unpave the Way seeks to address and raise awareness of the impacts of an increasing national trend of householders choosing to create impermeable front gardens to accommodate motor vehicles and other needs.

This increasing trend is contributing to flood risk and challenges for surface water management on both a localised and catchment scale. Unpave the Way aims to educate and inspire householders to include permeable driveways, consider the use of sustainable drainage components (SuDS), collect and store rainwater for reuse, and to encourage climate resilient planting schemes into their front gardens.

Click <u>here</u> for more information on the project.



DID YOU KNOW?

According to Aviva, over a third (35%) of home insurance flood claims occur between June and August.

After examining data from their home and commercial property flood claims from 2013-2024, Aviva have found that -with the exception of December (17% of claims) – most floods occur during July and August (each accounting for 12% of total flood claims), with June also proving a peak month for home insurance claims (Aviva News Article).

A common misconception is that flooding only happens in winter. Flash flooding can be severe in summer as the hard, dry ground is unable to absorb water, which increases surface water runoff.

Surface water flooding threatens more people and properties than any other form of flood risk. In the UK, over 3 million properties are at risk from surface water flooding, compared to 2.7 million at risk from rivers and the sea (Environment Agency). Therefore it is important to be prepared for a flood, all year round.

NEWGROUND FLOOD TEAM UPDATE

Throughout April, May and June the Newground Flood Team have been providing support, advice and guidance to homeowners in flood risk areas and responding to enquiries received from The Flood Hub website. The team have supported residents experiencing groundwater flooding issues and other sources of flood risk affecting properties. They have also been supporting the Lancashire LRF Community Resilience Group and working alongside flood sector partners to provide additional support to residents and communities across the region.









Did you know the Newground Flood Team can provide support to individuals, businesses and communities at risk of flooding?

<u>Click here</u> for more information about the work the Newground Flood Team do.

Follow the Newground Flood Team on X, formerly Twitter: onwgrnd_flood

Email: flood@newground.co.uk

www.thefloodhub.co.uk/about-newground

FEATURED BLOG

Property Flood Resilience (PFR) - Things to consider



Property Flood Resilience (PFR) is the term used to describe the ways to protect properties from flood damage. It involves adapting homes and buildings to withstand flood events, focusing on resistance (keeping water out) and resilience (recovering quickly post-flood). This handy blog outlines the things to consider when applying PFR to your home or business.

Please click here to read the blog

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

Our Knowledge Hub contains lots of useful flood related resources, which are freely available to everyone to download. To view all the latest additions, please click **here**.



How the Coastline is Managed

This resource is all about coastal management and the benefits it has from the potential impacts caused by coastal flooding and erosion.

www.thefloodhub.co.uk

The Flood Hub website is funded by the North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee and is a joint initiative developed by the EnvironmentAgency, United Utilities, Newground, and the Cumbria, Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Cheshire Strategic Flood Partnerships.