

Quarterly Newsletter

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NEWS

Environment Agency publishes major update to national flood and coastal erosion risk assessment.

Protecting homes and restoring hope: Flimby Flood Alleviation Scheme complete!

Over 65s continue to set standard for climate-conscious behaviours...

<u>West Derby group receives equipment to</u> <u>reconnect neighbourhood to local</u> <u>woodland.</u>

<u>United Utilities offers advice to customers</u> on how to protect their pipes during winter.

<u>Cutting-edge flooding programmes deliver</u> <u>big results for communities and</u> <u>environment.</u>

Nature-based solutions have a key part to play in reducing flood risk in future.

Rapid Flood Guidance service trial for England and Wales ends.

<u>Record-breaking rainfall for some this</u> <u>September.</u>

Rural Flood Resilience Partnership launched to help farmers and rural communities adapt to a changing climate.

Padiham's Flood Risk Management Scheme to go ahead.

NEW CONTENT ADDED TO THE FLOOD HUB

- <u>Recovery: Handling Insurance After Flooding</u>
- Flood Recovery: Re-entering and Clean-up
- <u>Spot the Hazards: Before, during and after</u> <u>a flood.</u>
- <u>Cumbria Wildlife Trust: Even Wilder Ideas</u>
 <u>About Flooding series.</u>

FUTURE FLOOD HUB CAMPAIGNS

January: Who Plays a Part in Managing Flood Risk?

Exploring the various stakeholders involved in flood risk management and their roles

February: Riparian Ownership

Raising awareness around riparian ownership and the roles and responsibilities that come with it.

March: Flood Risk and Planning

A brief introduction to the planning system and how flood risk is considered.

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

In addition to our focus weeks, we share daily flood-related content on our social media channels, providing tips and advice on how to plan and prepare for potential flooding.

ARE YOU WINTER READY?



FEATURED BLOG: ENSURE YOU'RE WINTER READY

As the temperatures start to drop, it is important to ensure your car, home or business is winter ready. Prepare for whatever the season may bring by creating a flood plan, stocking your flood kit with winter essentials, checking your car's lights and screen wash, insulating your pipes, and clearing gutters of leaves.

<u>Click here</u> to read our winter ready blog.

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEMES

To view the Flood Risk Management scheme pages, click the images below.

PROPOSED FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT 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. Click on the images below to view the scheme pages:



HAMBLETON



SANKEY BROOK



CALDEW, CARLISLE

WHALLEY AND BILLINGTON



COCKERMOUTH



FLEETWOOD

RIVER IRWELL AT KEARSLEY





IN PROGRESS FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEMES





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 SCHEMES

UPDATES

- <u>Waterside Kendal Update</u> December 2024
- <u>Gooseholme Common, Kendal progress update</u> December 2024
- <u>New Road, Kendal Construction Update</u> December 2024
- <u>Kendal Young Spring Planning Submission Update Briefing</u> December 2024
- <u>Appleby Town Centre Flood Risk Management Scheme Newsletter</u> December 2024
- Preston and South Ribble Flood Risk Management Scheme Newsletter Autumn / Winter 2024
- <u>Sankey Brook Flood Risk Management Scheme Newsletter</u> November 2024
- <u>Rochdale and Littleborough Flood Risk Management Scheme Phase 2 Rochdale Newsletter</u> November 2024
- <u>Aynam Road Kendal Update</u> October 2024

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



ARE YOU AT RISK OF FLOODING?

<u>Click here</u> 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

THE FLOOD HUB LEARNING SECTION

The Flood Hub Learning section offers a range of educational resources on flooding and climate change, perfect for teachers,



educators, or anyone eager to learn more. It includes a 10-lesson KS3 Flooding unit and a 4lesson KS2 Climate Change unit, both complete with teacher notes, PowerPoints, and worksheets. Other resources include a GCSE case study on Storm Babet, a River Flood Management case study on Low Crosby, and the Met Office Named Storms Top Trumps Game (2021-2024), ideal for interactive learning. **To explore the Learning section, <u>click here.</u>**

COMMUNITY TOOLKIT

Our Community Flood Group Toolkit has been refreshed to make it even easier to establish and strengthen local flood groups.



Inside, you'll find:

- Step-by-step guidance on forming a community flood action group
- Information on community flood schemes
- Funding options to support your group
- Practical advice for community flood risk planning

<u>Click here to visit our community toolkit.</u>

ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

During October, November and December, the flood team have been busy supporting engagement events, working with partners, responding to enquiries and helping residents to improve their resilience to flooding. The team have undertaken 5 property visits supporting with PFR and flood resilience, and attended 9 partnership meetings involving multi-agency projects, partnership working, and supporting communities.

They have supported 82 individuals and 3 flood groups. A new flood group in West Derby has been supported with planning and preparedness and we have supported 2 other flood groups with planning and resilience. In Early October, the team attended the Cumbria Association of Local Councils AGM, meeting with councillors and highlighting the support available to councils and communities. They attended both the Sankey Bridges and Dallam community drop-in events alongside the Environment Agency, engaging with residents on flood resilience. The conversations had with residents at the drop-in events enabled individuals to find and access flood insurance, and led to property visits to provide further advice and guidance on property flood resilience measures, helping residents to take the next step in protecting their homes and property against the effects of flooding.



INDIVIDUALS

SUPPORTED



PARTNERSHIP

MEETINGS ATTENDED



DIRECT ENQUIRIES TO THE FLOOD HUB



DROP-IN EVENTS

ATTENDED





FLOOD GROUP MEETINGS ATTENDED

ELECTED MEMBERS SUPPORTED

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

To find out more about the work the Newground Flood Team do, visit the website here: <u>www.thefloodhub.co.uk/about-newground</u>

Email: hello@thefloodhub.co.uk



FLOOD RECOVERY TOOLKIT

For those affected by Storm Bert or other flooding this winter, we have a Flood Recovery Toolkit to help you through the recovery process. This toolkit includes practical guidance on safely cleaning up, protecting your health, navigating insurance claims and installing property flood resilience measures onto your property.

<u>Click here</u> to visit our flood recovery toolkit.

USEFUL LINKS & CONTACTS

SIGN UP FOR FLOOD WARNINGS

- Environment Agency Floodline: 0345 988 1188
- Click here to 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 be the District Council if it is a Unitary Authority, or the County Council. <u>Find</u> your local council here.

KNOWLEDGE HUB

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



Landowner Toolkit

This new toolkit contains useful tips for landowners on how to plan ahead for a flood, riparian ownership and the recovery process.

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.