

# **Quarterly Newsletter**

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## **NEWS**

<u>New KS3 Weather & Climate Education</u> <u>Package Now Available on The Flood Hub</u>

<u>Covernment to build over 1,000 flood</u> <u>schemes across the country</u>

<u>£16 million boost to improve flood</u> protection for farmers and rural communities

Primary school SuDS schemes finished by the Preston flood scheme

<u>New research finds that Wildlife Trust</u> <u>natural flood management schemes deliver</u> <u>£10 of benefits for every £1 invested</u>

<u>Creating a resilient woodland at Lowther</u> <u>Estate to boost diversity and timber supply</u>

<u>'Constructing Change' on the Littleborough</u> <u>Flood Scheme</u>

<u>Wild beavers: Nature's engineers to return to</u> <u>English waterways</u>

Working with nature to boost nation's flood resilience: New evidence of natural flood management benefits

<u>Record investment to protect thousands of</u> <u>UK homes and businesses</u>

Floods Minister and Environment Agency hold further meeting to bolster flood response and recovery

## NEW CONTENT ADDED TO THE FLOOD HUB

- <u>The Flood Hub's KS3 Weather and Climate</u> <u>Lessons</u>
- <u>The Flood Hub Feedback Survey 2025</u>
- <u>Kendal Flood Risk Management Scheme: Career</u>
   <u>Pathways</u>
- Unpave the Way: Climate Resilient Planting List
- <u>Environment Agency and Aardman: Darcy's Tale</u>
   <u>by Aardman Short Film</u>
- <u>Flood Safety Page</u>
- <u>River Mersey (South Manchester Catchments)</u>
   <u>Strategy Project Page</u>

# FUTURE FLOOD HUB FOCUS WEEKS

#### **April:**

Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)

May:

Property Flood Resilience (PFR) Business Continuity Week

June:

Natural Flood Management (NFM)

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

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.

# **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:

#### **BURROW BECK.** SOUTH LANCASTER



#### HAMBLETON



WHALLEY AND BILLINGTON



#### **CALDEW, CARLISLE**

HAZEL GROVE AND

**OFFERTON GREEN** 

COCKERMOUTH



HINDLEY





**FLEETWOOD** 



# IN PROGRESS FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEMES



**PENKETH AND** WHITTLE



#### **UPPER KENT**



#### CARLISLE



#### **PRESTON AND** SOUTH RIBBLE



## **KENDAL**



**RADCLIFFE AND** REDVALES



#### PADIHAM



**ROCHDALE AND** LITTLEBOROUGH



# FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEMES

## **UPDATES**

- <u>Rochdale and Littleborough Newsletter</u> March 2025
- Kendal and Upper Kent Stock Beck Culvert Rehabilitation March 2025
- <u>Kendal Gooseholme Weekly Update</u> March 2025
- <u>Kendal and Upper Kent Biodiversity Net Gain Fact Sheet</u> February 2025
- <u>Kendal and Upper Kent Biodiversity Net Gain for Landowners</u> February 2025
- Kendal and Upper Kent Habitat Regulations Assessment February 2025
- <u>Kendal Scheme Aesthetics and Finishes</u> February 2025
- <u>Radcliffe and Redvales Flood Risk Management Scheme Newsletter</u> February 2025
- <u>Kendal Town Construction Programme</u> January 2025
- <u>Kendal and Upper Kent Schemes Key Facts</u> January 2025
- Kendal and Upper Kent Young Spring Proposed Flood Embankment January 2025
- Kendal and Upper Kent Protecting our Rivers Key Facts January 2025
- Kendal and Upper Kent Protecting our Local Wildlife Key Facts January 2025
- <u>Kendal Tree Appraisal</u> January 2025
- Kendal Environment and Biodiversity Key Facts January 2025
- Kendal Construction Progress January 2025
- Kendal Keeping Kendal Moving January 2025
- <u>Kendal Scheme Aesthetics and Finishes Key Facts</u> January 2025
- Kendal Programme of Delivery Key Facts January 2025
- <u>Kendal Scheme Key Facts</u> January 2025
- <u>Kendal Business Resilience Guide</u> January 2025

For information and downloads on the flood risk management schemes in the

### North West, please click here.

## **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'S NEW KS3 WEATHER AND CLIMATE EDUCATION PACKAGE

We're excited to launch our KS3 Weather & Climate Education Package, designed to help teachers and parents cover key topics like weather and climate, global climate zones, and climate change. This 8-lesson series includes PowerPoints, teacher's notes, and worksheets.

**Topics include:** 

Flood

- Storm Desmond case study
- Factors influencing climate
- Climate change causes and impacts
- Mitigation and adaptation strategies

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Download the full package here: <u>thefloodhub.co.uk/ks3-weather-and-climate-lessons/</u>



# **ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

From January to March, the flood team have been busy supporting residents, agencies and Lead Local Flood Authorities who experienced flooding over the New Year. The team have supported 361 individuals through community drop in sessions, supporting flood groups and assisting direct enquiries. This quarter saw 83 enquiries into The Flood Hub, from individuals residents, businesses and flood groups. Some of the common themes related to the recent flooding events over New Years, including flooding incidents and recovery, internal flooding to property and gardens, flood risk and watercourse issues and enquiries about Property Flood Resilience (PFR). The team also received several enquiries around flood risk management schemes, insurance, and queries around who's responsible for manging certain sources of flood risk and flood risk assets. The team have supported 3 community flood drop-in sessions in Northenden and Didsbury (Greater Manchester) and Ormskirk (Lancashire) where they engaged with recently flooded residents and advised on flood recovery, insurance, and PFR. The team attended 10 newly-formed flood group meetings across Wigan and Liverpool, and supported an additional 3 groups via The Flood Hub enquiries. Though these flood groups are in the early stages, they are working towards tackling community flood risk issues and their meetings will provide opportunities for agency support and engagement.



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: www.thefloodhub.co.uk/about-newground/ Email: hello@thefloodhub.co.uk/



## THE FLOOD HUB FEEDBACK SURVEY

The Flood Hub has had a successful 2024/25, with consistently high numbers of residents, businesses and communities across the North West and further afield using the website. This feedback form gives you the opportunity, to let us know which sections of The Flood Hub you find useful and if there is anything that you feel is missing or could be improved. Have your say here: www.thefloodhub.co.uk/feedback-survey-2025/

**USEFUL LINKS & CONTACTS** 

### SIGN UP FOR FLOOD WARNINGS

- Environment Agency Floodline: 0345 988
  1188
- <u>Click here to sign up for flood warnings</u>

#### **REPORTING FLOODING**

- Environment Agency Incident Hotline: 0800
   80 70 60
- United Utilities: 0345 6723723
- Lead Local Flood Authority: This will be the District Council if it is a Unitary Authority, or the County Council. <u>Find your local council</u> <u>here</u>

## SPOTLIGHT BLOG: UNDERSTANDING FLOOD RISK

In England, there are around 6.3 million properties at risk of flooding, and many of these properties are at risk from multiple sources of flooding. But how is flood risk understood? This blog focuses on river flooding events which often use return periods like a "1-in -'X'-year" event. But what does this actually mean and why is the use of return periods not the best means of communicating flood risk?

Read the blog here: <u>www.thefloodhub.co.uk</u> /blog/understanding-flood-risk/

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.