

Stockdalewath Flood Newsletter

August 2024

This newsletter is designed to give residents of High Bridge, Stockdalewath, Gaitsgill and surrounding areas an update on the work that is taking place following the flooding in May.

Flood Investigation

A Flood Investigation Report (sometimes called a Section 19 Report) is being prepared by the Lead Local Flood Authority teams from both Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council.

The Council teams, along with Environment Agency have already spoken to many flooded residents, at the drop in events in Primrose Hall, and during visits to individual properties.

Catchment Sensitive Farming staff (from Natural England) have been speaking to farmers in the area to establish if they were affected by the flooding.

However, if you're not sure if the authorities are aware that you were affected by the flooding, or would like to add more information to what you've already reported, then please contact:

Cumberland Council: LFRM@cumberland.gov.uk

Westmorland and Furness Council: LLFA@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

If you're not sure which council area you live in, you can check on your Council Tax bill – but don't worry, both Councils are working together, so as long as you've reported issues to one of the Councils, then that's OK.

Catchment Sensitive Farming: caitlin.wood@naturalengland.org.uk

Community Drop in Session

We are planning a drop in session to share the draft Flood Investigation Report with you on

Wednesday 25 September 2024

1430 – 1830

Raughton Head CofE Primary School (CA5 7DD)

This will also be an opportunity to get help signing up for flood warnings, get advice on protecting your home against flooding, and to discuss some of the options being considered to reduce future flooding.



Flood alerts and flood warnings

You can sign up for flood alerts and flood warnings even if you don't live within the flood warning area. You can choose to receive flood warnings as (any or all of):

- A text message to your mobile phone
- A recorded message to your landline
- An email

Flood Alerts mean that “flooding is possible”. They cover a wide geographical area and are issued fairly frequently – often when only low lying land close to the rivers is expected to flood. They are only usually issued during the daytime and evening (not overnight).

Flood Warnings mean that “flooding is expected”. They cover a smaller area, and can be issued at any time of day or night.

Severe Flood Warnings mean that “flooding could be a risk to life”. They cover the same geographical area as Flood Warnings, and can be issued at any time of day or night

You can find out a little more here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-alerts-and-warnings-what-they-are-and-what-to-do>

To sign up for flood alerts and flood warnings, visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

Click “Sign up for Flood Warnings” and enter your postcode

You should be offered the following Flood Warning and Flood Alert areas – follow the links to sign up and choose how you want to receive the messages.

Area	Warning type	Map	Sign up
River Roe and River Ive from Highbridge to Stockdalewath	Flood Warning Rapid Response	View map	Sign up for this area
Rivers Caldeu and Petteril	Flood Alert	View map	Sign up for this area

There will be staff at the drop in session on the 25 September to help troubleshoot any problems with flood warning sign up.

Flood Insurance

If you're having difficulties with your insurance claim, or struggle when you come to renew your insurance, then the National Flood Forum website and adviceline (**01229 403055**) can often be helpful:

<https://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/about-flooding/insurance/household-insurance/>

The Flood Hub

There is lots of information on flooding, including property level flood protection, on The Flood Hub website: <https://thefloodhub.co.uk/>