

Aberdeenshire
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Peace in Christ



Stonehaven
South Church



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Welcome to the Christmas edition of the Flood Bulletin. This occasional bulletin is to keep you informed of developments and work in progress following the Stonehaven floods. It's brought to you by the Stonehaven Flood Recovery Group, led by Aberdeenshire Council and members of the local voluntary sector.

Flood Support Centre

The Support Centre will be closed over Christmas and New Year from 23 December until 4 January. However, in an emergency, you can still reach us by phoning **07902 994 630**, or Paul Hendy on **0774 770 2299**. For non-emergency messages, please email coordinator@stonehavenfloodsupport.com and we will respond early in the New Year. We would like to wish you a peaceful Christmas and a much improved New Year. Please be assured we are here for you – and all enquiries will be dealt with in a confidential manner. We provide support covering all aspects of the insurance claim process, builder issues, drying process, and just about everything you may need to know.

Minister visits Stonehaven

Environment Minister Roseanna Cunningham visited Stonehaven on 7 December. She spoke to local councillors and volunteers in the Support Centre and went on to visit businesses and households affected by the flooding.

There were renewed calls for a public enquiry. Whilst the minister stated that she would not stand in the way of an enquiry, she was of the opinion that one would be over the top, too expensive and cumbersome for the needs of the town.

Under-16s Christmas party



The under-16s Christmas party went very well. The kids met Santa and enjoyed playing games, while the parents enjoyed some well-deserved mulled wine and mince pies, kindly donated by Robertson's bakery. We would like to say a very big thank you to the Stonehaven Rotary Club and Lions' Club for sponsoring the party.

Your questions



If you have any questions that you would like to put to your local councillors we would be happy to compile a list and send them out for you. Responses will be printed in subsequent issues of this bulletin. Please e-mail coordinator@stonehavenfloodsupport.com

Q. What are the Council's plans to deal with the erosion of the north bank of the Carron downstream of the white bridge?

A. The issue of the bank has been raised, I assume it is the same location. The Council's Principal Engineer will be looking at that although I think we may find that it is in private ownership which may complicate matters.

Grampian Fire and Rescue Service

Between 0800hrs (Sun 1 November) and 0800 (Mon 2 November) 45 pumping appliances and 2 special appliances (a Flood Response Unit and an Incident Control Unit) were called out. During this period, Grampian Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS) received over 350 calls. GFRS assisted with the evacuation of 150 people (70 from Huntly and 50 from Stonehaven). There was widespread flooding across the whole of Grampian; however, significant incidents were in the River Carron area of Stonehaven and The Meadows area of Huntly.

Crews worked closely with Police, Ambulance and Coastguard. Crews and Control Room staff worked extremely hard in a unique set of circumstances; possibly the greatest demand the Service has been placed under with regard to flooding incidents.

For all operational incidents GFRS reflect on our performance with the aim of identifying strengths as well as opportunities to improve our service. The incident at Stonehaven is no different from this and we are currently in the middle of that learning process.

Furniture store

The store will be closed from 22 December to 4 January inclusive. Lenny and May are still very busy both collecting and delivering household items. Opening times are; **Tues, Wed, Thurs; 11-4 Sat Sun: 11-3** (phone 01569 767425). Please phone or visit the store if you require any furniture or household items.

Any other business

If you require a local joiner, carpenter, builder, electrician, or other tradesman a list is now available at the Flood Support Centre. You can find us on Facebook, search groups, Stonehaven flood support.

Where are you?



We have a weekend away to give away..... to win a weekend at Lingwood Lodge, Windermere, simply send us your old and new address and contact details or come to see us in the Flood Support Centre. The draw will take place in January. Watch this space!

www.lingwoodlodge.co.uk