



APRIL 2010

Welcome to our 8th 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.



MRI FLOOD RECOVERY CENTRE REVISED OPENING HOURS:

Tuesday – 10.00am – 8.pm

Wednesday – by appointment only

Contact will continue to be provided 7 days a week on:

Mobile: 07902 994 630

Paul Hendy on 0774 770 2299

Email: coordinator@stonehavenfloodsupport.com

SANDBAGS

Aberdeenshire Council would like to clear the town of sandbags ready for the tourist season.

If you wish to keep some, please take them into your property. All sandbags on the street will be removed over the next week.

If sandbags are required during heavy rain, they can be collected from the Council Depot at Kirkton Rd, behind the Esso garage, if necessary sandbags will also be located at Market Square and Carron Terrace.

COMMUNITY DAY SATURDAY 15 MAY 2010

On Saturday 15 May, there will be a celebration of Stonehaven being back in business. A number of community groups will be involved including Stonehaven Business Association. Northsound Radio will be here to ensure that everyone knows that Stonehaven is back in business as an attractive tourist and shopping destination after the difficult period. Businesses, visitors and residents (even if some work is still underway) should be able to see and feel the difference.

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

A report is programmed to be presented to the Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee on 27 April 2010. This report will advise the Committee of the outcome of work undertaken or ongoing in relation to the floods in Stonehaven on 1 November. The investigations cover the build up and cause of the flood, the emergency response, the recovery also future prevention and resilience. The report will be available on www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk nearer the time.

FLOOD FUND

If you're underinsured and have been left with a shortfall in your claim or did not, for what ever reason, have insurance cover and need help drying out, or have been left struggling financially because of the flooding, please get in touch or return a flood fund application form as quickly as possible. Help may be available for you – all enquiries are treated in total confidence- we want to help you get your homes and lives back to normal as quickly as possible. Just phone Gemma at the Flood Support Centre for details.

NB. In order to assist us in the management of the Fund please advise us on the usual phone number if you think that you may apply for funding in the future.

FURNITURE STORE Old Cheers Building, Cowie Lane (behind M&Co) 01569 767425

Are there any household items that you need and that are not covered by insurance?

The Furniture Store can help, speak to May and Lenny. The Store is open between

Tuesday & Thursday 11am - 4pm

Saturday and Sunday 11am – 3pm

for you to browse and select items you may need. We can store the items you choose until you're back in your homes.

The Furniture Store welcomed visitors on 27 February to the Open Day. The event was well attended with residents of Stonehaven being assisted with items that they will need when they return to their homes.

FLOOD SUPPORT CENTRE

- Aberdeenshire Council has bought a number of flood protection barriers for use in doorways and airbricks around your home. The good news is that they can supply these to you at a considerable discount through their subsidised purchase scheme.

This means these products are affordable to everyone, and the peace of mind that they bring is reassuring. The Flood Centre has samples of these products and more information just pop in to the MRI Flood Recovery Centre.

- If you want us to look over your property please get in touch with Gemma at the usual phone number at the bottom of this newsletter and she will make an appointment for Paul Hendy to call.
- The Flood Protection Exhibition on 16 March welcomed residents who were able to speak to a number of voluntary agencies, Council Services and SEPA who were all in attendance. Some people had questions, others just came and browsed and learned more about keeping flooding out of their property.
- Is there anyone else who you know that ought to get this bulletin but doesn't? Please feel free to pass it round to your friends and neighbours, or let us know and we will add them to the distribution list. E-mail:

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Flood Support Centre: 01569 778077 Furniture Store: 01569 767425

Paul Hendy (Scottish Flood Forum): 07747 702 299

coordinator@stonehavenfloodsupport.com

Any Business Issues – Robert Armstrong, Aberdeenshire Council 01569 768294