



FRIDAY 4th June 2010

Welcome to our 9th 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, The Scottish Flood Forum and members of the local voluntary sector.

WE HAVE MOVED

Yes we have had to say a sad goodbye to our temporary home next to the Boathouse Café for the past 5 months and moved across the road back into the **MAIN – MRI Building** (you will need to use the front door access from the harbour). This is to allow the MRI to run their summer programme of Power Boat handling and Training courses.

CHANGES TO OPENING TIMES

The Flood Support Centre will now only be open for enquiries and drop-in sessions on **Tuesdays from 12 noon – 8pm** and on **Wednesdays by appointment (morning only)** – that gives us time to get all the visits and flood surveys done.

During or outside of those times we will be available on the following:-

Mobile number **077 477 02299** Or **07902 994 630** or by

E-mail: coordinator@stonehavenfloodsupport.com

Paul Hendy from the **Scottish Flood Forum** is available as normal at the flood support centre on **Tues 12 noon – 8pm** or **Wednesdays** (phone first) on 07747 702 299 or

E-mail: paul@hendymail.co.uk

Please continue to use the service as we will be available for as long as needed.

A BIG THANKYOU – GEMMA !!!!!

I have had the privilege of working with Gemma at the Flood Support Centre over the past 6 months and I know many of you have been in touch with her for help and advice. So I just want to say on behalf of us all a huge BIG thank you for everything Gemma has done to support the flood recovery programme in Stonehaven. Some of you may not know that Gemma has now gone on Maternity leave and will not be at the flood centre for the time being. We would want to wish her warmest thoughts and our grateful thanks for everything she has done – GEMMA you're a STAR.



PUBLIC MEETING

There is to be an open public meeting on Tuesday 15 June, Mackie Academy, Stonehaven at 7pm, it will look at the cause of the flood, the emergency response, the recovery and future prevention and resilience by Aberdeenshire Council, with all other agencies, regarding the floods last November.

This will be a chance to hear about investigations and what is being done to avert a similar situation happening again. It will also be a chance to speak to representatives of the different agencies involved.

FLOOD FUND

There has been a good response for support from the Flood Fund and help is still available. So if you still need help, have previously applied and find you need extra items please let us know. One request that we receive is for replacement furniture that was damaged in the floods. To help you to help us, please try the Furniture Store for what you may need **before** applying for items from the fund. If we haven't got it in stock then we will consider your application.

FURNITURE STORE

The Furniture Store is open **Tuesday and Thursday 11-4** and at the **Saturday 11-3**. As some properties begin to be reinstated following the drying out process now might be the time you start to think about furniture. If you are un-insured or under-insured the furniture store can help to provide you with any quality household items you need. They have everything from kettles and toasters to sofa beds and wardrobes to curtains and linens.

Old Cheers Building behind M&Co, Cowie Lane, **01569 767425**.

INSURANCE RENEWALS & FLOOD PROTECTION

Protecting your property against flooding is vital if you want to be able to ensure Insurance cover is maintained and renewal premiums are kept low.

Aberdeenshire Council has bought a number of flood protection barriers for use in protecting property doorways and airbricks covers to stop water entering your home. The good news is that they can supply these to you at a saving of about 20% 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 Support Centre has samples of these products and more information – and it helps keep the policy and excess down.

FLOOD NEWSLETTERS

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: coordinator@stonehavenfloodsupport.com

Finally, please let us know when you move back into your properties.