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Welcome to our 10th 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.

OPENING TIMES

Paul Hendy is available at the Flood Support Centre on **Wednesdays from 12noon – 8pm** .

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

Mobile number **07747 702 299** Or **07825 010 436**

E-mail: paul@hendymail.co.uk

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

SURVEY RESULTS

Surveys went out to all flood victims and these are gradually being processed and the findings will be posted in the next newsletter. We still need your survey forms returned please, if you cannot find them or never received one please either pick one up at the MRI Centre or email paul@hendymail.co.uk and we will send one out to you.

PUBLIC MEETING

A public flood meeting was held at Mackie Academy on 15 June with all partners who were involved in the flood incident in November 2009. Many questions were raised and answered. A response document has been put together and is now available on the website, and you will be able to access this and other recent flood documents by using this link <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/flooding/index.asp>. There is also a folder located in Stonehaven Library, which contains reports, extracts from Committee minutes, bulletins and the two question and answer documents.

LEAFLET DROP AND DROP-IN-SESSION

We are organising a drop in session, on 7 October, Town Hall, where you will be able to ask questions and get advice on what to do should this event happen again, and how to protect your property. There will also be leaflets sent out advising people of the emergency numbers that they should use and what preventative measures they can take to protect their properties.

FLOOD FUND/APPLICATIONS

Fund applications are still being returned to the MRI. If you need help financially because you were under/not insured please fill in one of these application forms as soon as possible so that we can **help you**. Support is still available and if you feel that you need any help at all then please contact Paul Hendy on 07747 702 299 or email paul@hendymail.co.uk.

FURNITURE STORE

The Furniture Store is open **Tuesday and Thursday 11-4** and at the **Saturday 11-3**. There is still quite a lot of furniture at the furniture store, so please go along and have a look if you are short of something because you were not/under insured.
Old Cheers Building behind M&Co, Cowie Lane, **01569 767425**.

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.

ONGOING INVESTIGATION & PREVENTION

by Stephen McFarland (Principal Engineer)

Over the last few weeks the enclosed section of the old Mill Lade which runs under Arbuthnott Place and Arbuthnott Court to the sea has been cleared of sediment. This will improve the flow of water to the beach soakaway but has also allowed us to inspect the condition of the old culvert and assess its suitability to act as a flood relief feature should it be required in the future.

A tree surgeon is currently on site removing those trees / branches which may cause a restriction to flow either because they overhang the river or at risk of falling into the burn. Landowners have the primary responsibility for maintenance of bankside vegetation and trees and should inspect these at least once a year and undertake any works necessary to avoid the risk of vegetation restricting flows in the river.

Further work is being undertaken to finalise the minor improvement works to be undertaken in the Carron before the Autumn / Winter period and to determine the feasibility of using temporary barriers to direct flood water back into the river. Further topographic survey data of the Carron catchment / floodplain has been commissioned and a brief for Consultants to examine possible long term solutions and their justification is under preparation. It is anticipated this further investigation work will be commenced late summer 2010.