

Flood victim says heartfelt thank you to his community

We have just received this email from a flood victim who has just been given a grant from the Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund. We were so touched by its contents that we wanted to pass it on to you in its entirety. It says so much about how important community is at times of crisis. It is also a big thank you to all those who have donated to the Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund so far.

"I have just received a cheque to help cover some of my losses in the flood, and I want to offer my sincerest thanks for the kind gesture, for which I am hugely appreciative. I have been very much alone throughout this experience, due to my family being so far away, and have had to rely upon the generosity of some friends I have in the area, and whatever else help I could get. I was so impressed with the help that I received from community organisations such as yourselves, who gave me fantastic advice during what has been a very difficult and traumatic time for myself. I am so thankful to those friendly faces, who took the time to listen. It gives me great confidence to know that the community in which I live and work can provide such stability and support to those who need it, and when they need it most.

I am overwhelmed with gratitude to those individuals who gave their time to help, and hugely thankful for the efforts of the Cumbria Community Foundation and the excellent work it does. If possible, please pass on my thanks to all those concerned.

Kindest regards

M. Cockermouth"

Thanks to the generosity of the general public, local businesses, the County Council and Allerdale Borough Council, the Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund has raised £1.2 million to date. The Foundation was able to start making emergency grants from the fund to help flood victims just four days after the floods hit. So far, we have given out 123 grants totalling £75,450 with many more applications in the pipeline and hundreds more anticipated in the months ahead as people slowly recover from the crisis. Grant aid is also available for groups organising activities and other support services for flood victims.

To apply for grant aid from the Fund or to make a donation please visit www.cumbriafoundation.org or telephone 01900 825760 for assistance.