

Cumbria Community Foundation launches Cumbria Flood Recovery Appeal

Tony Cunningham MP and Cumbria Community Foundation have today launched an appeal to raise funds to support individuals and communities who have been affected by the devastating floods.

Nuclear Management Partners have started the appeal with a donation of £50,000.

Graham Campbell, General Manager, Nuclear Management Partners said "The situation in West Cumbria is unprecedented and it is vital that help arrives to those affected. NMP is pleased to kick start this appeal, which will ensure the people who do need support will receive it promptly."

"Cumbria Community Foundation organised the appeal for the Carlisle floods in 2005 and have everything in place to run to ensure that funding gets to the community groups and individuals who really need the support. I am delighted to endorse this appeal" said Tony Cunningham, MP for Workington.

The fund will focus on providing money for individuals and families experiencing financial hardship as a result of the floods, but the appeal will also be raising money for voluntary and community organisations that are spearheading the relief work.

Anyone who would like to donate to the fund can give online through our website www.cumbriafoundation.org quote Flood or send cheques made payable to Cumbria Community Foundation at Dovenby Hall, Dovenby, Cockermouth, Cumbria CA13 0PN.

If you would like further information about the fund please call our dedicated telephone line 01900 820827.

It is hoped that there will be sufficient funding to offer ongoing support to organisations like Citizens Advice Bureaux and others who will be there to help people pick up the pieces once the flood waters recede.

In 2005 the Foundation launched the hugely successful Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund, raising £800,000 to assist people and communities affected by the flooding. The charity was awarded Fundraising Campaign of the Year in the UK Charity Awards with a similar Charity Award for grant giving.