

Money flows into Cumbria Flood Recovery Appeal

The Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund has already raised £115,515.

Yesterday Cumbria County Council promised £50,000 to the fund and the public have begun to donate money via the website.

If people want to donate cash they can pop along to any branch of the Cumberland Building Society and the Furness Building Society.

Collections are also taking place in Whitehaven and Workington today and the Community Foundation are taking calls from other local people wanting to hold events and collections.

The Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund will provide financial help for people who have been affected. The first phase of grant making will concentrate on the elderly, disabled and families with under 5s. After the Carlisle floods we were able to help people with clothing, bedding, fares, toys, etc.

The Fund will also help community groups that are helping out with advice, information, counselling, and activities for children and young people.

Deb Muscat, Acting Director said, "The Community Foundation was able to make its first grants four days after the Carlisle floods. We expect to be able to the same again."