

Flood Recovery Fund gives out first cheque and continues to grow

Today sees the total of the Fund grow thanks to a donation from Prince Charles and Nuclear Decommissioning Authority making a total of £350,000.

Bob Mather, Chair of the Community Foundation took the first cheque in person to a Cockermouth resident and received a very warm welcome and a cup of tea. "I am so pleased to see for myself that we are getting the money quickly to where it is needed."

The Foundation has since approved a further four grants to another Cockermouth resident and three to people living in Workington.

The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) made a donation of £50,000. In addition a small team of staff from the NDA and Sellafield Ltd are providing support to the teams responding to the floods in the local authority emergency response centres. As recovery from the floods gets underway that team will continue to liaise with the Recovery Working Groups so they can access, where appropriate, additional support and resources from the NDA estate.

Anyone wanting information about the appeal and who and what will be eligible for funding should log on to Cumbria Community Foundation's website www.cumbriafoundation.org or call the dedicated phone line **01900 820827**.

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

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.