

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL FLOODING REPORT

Dear Parishioner

The Parish Council has received an email as outlined below from Herefordshire Council. If you have been affected by the flooding please send the requested information as indicated.

Thank you

Tony Ford
Parish Clerk
18th February 2014

Homes and Businesses may have been badly affected in Herefordshire by the recent flooding. The Government has announced a support package but in order to get the support on offer we have to detail the damage that has been caused. Time to apply for the support is incredibly short (we need the info by 3pm tomorrow). Any help you can give to spread the word and get people to e-mail in to us, would be most appreciated. The info we need is as follows:-

Flooded homes

We would like to hear urgently from people whose homes have been affected by flooding.

Our initial assessment has been that mercifully few homes in Herefordshire have been flooded in the recent poor weather. We are aware that not everyone who has been flooded may have contacted the emergency services or the council for help.

Your home may have been affected by flooding in one of a number of ways: water may have entered your home, you may have been trapped in your home or other parts of your property or outbuildings may have flooded.

Central government has announced a grant scheme to help householders “repair and renew” after flooding. The details are still being finalised.

We need to report to government on Wednesday on how many homes are affected in Herefordshire. In order to be included in this report we will need to hear from householders **by 3pm on Wednesday 19 February 2014.**

Even after that date we would still like you to let us know if you have been affected by flooding.

So we are asking any householder who has been affected by floods to email to contact us with the following information:

- Name

- Address (of the affected property)

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- ☐ On what date or dates was your property affected by flooding?
- ☐ How did flooding affect your property?
- ☐ Did water enter your property?
- ☐ How many people are resident at your property?
- ☐ Was the property insured?
- ☐ Do you own the property or rent it?

Please email these details to StHodges@herefordshire.gov.uk or phone 01432 261923.

Businesses

We would like to hear from any Herefordshire small or medium-sized businesses that have been affected by flooding.

Central government announced yesterday (17th February) that hardship funding will be made available to small and medium sized enterprises who need help to develop and implement recovery plans.

A range of costs may be covered

Eligible businesses will be able to claim for costs which could include immediate clean-up costs, materials, exceptional business costs (such as hire of drying equipment) and temporary accommodation to enable them to continue trading.

Business continuity planning and marketing costs may also be covered.

Details are still emerging

Full details of the scheme are yet to be finalized. Further details will be announced by Government this week and background information can be found online here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-floods-10-million-support-scheme-for-flood-affected-businesses>

We also want to understand how local businesses have been affected as we may be able to assist them in other ways.

Please contact us

We need to report to government on Wednesday on how many businesses are affected in Herefordshire. In order to be included in this report we will need to hear from businesses **by 3pm on Wednesday 19 February 2014.**

Even after that date we would still like you to let us know if you have been affected by flooding. There may be other ways we can offer help and assistance.

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Please contact us as soon as possible with the following information: let us know the following

- Name and location of business
- Contact details
- Date(s) affected?
- What type of impact (direct or indirect*)?
- What impact has this had on your business?
- What could have been done to prevent it?
- What support is required to assist you getting back on your feet?

Please send emails with your response to the details above to economicinvestment@herefordshire.gov.uk or call 01432 261758.

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Full details can be found at the following links:

Recovery Effort: <http://newsroom.herefordshire.gov.uk/2014/february/recovery-effort-underway-in-herefordshire.aspx>

Householders: <http://newsroom.herefordshire.gov.uk/2014/february/if-your-home-has-been-affected-by-flooding-please-let-us-know.aspx>

Businesses: <http://newsroom.herefordshire.gov.uk/2014/february/if-your-business-has-been-affected-by-flooding-please-let-us-know.aspx>