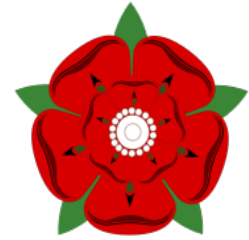




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FLOOD EMERGENCY REACTION PLAN [FERP]

Following the severe flooding of December 5th 2015, the Club has taken action, invested in property improvements and drawn up a plan to mitigate the effects of flooding and reduce damage to boats, other property and the premises.

Winter boat storage

The Clubs have arranged storage of four 4-/4x/4+ boats at Sedbergh from November to February. This will remove these boats from risk in the boathouse and provide more space to move smaller boats to high racks if required.

Reconstruct the ground floor of the boathouse

With the help of a Sport England grant of £5,000, the base of the building has been completely covered with concrete. This incorporates a drainage sump in the lowest part of the building which has an automatic electric pump to remove water.

Flood Resilience

We are applying to the Prince's Fund for a grant of £5,000, to fit flood prevention barriers to all the ground floor doorways. The lowest 1m of the walls will also be treated to give a waterproof barrier. This is given a 5 year life by the suppliers and will need re-treatment by 2021.

Advanced warnings

The club website has a live feed from the river level gauge at Skerton Weir operated by Shoothill. The Government Digital Service river level gauge at Caton (approx miles above Skerton Weir) is also monitored by the committee regularly. These levels in conjunction with tide tables for Heysham are used to assess the risk of rising water levels above the Weir.

Environment Agency early warning

Six members of the Committees are included in the SMS TEXT warning issued by EA based on water levels in the Howgills which is about 200m higher than Skerton Weir and about 35 miles upstream. This warning will give notice of high river level at Skerton.

At least 2 of the members can be at the boathouse within 15 minutes of this warning. Depending on the assessment of flood risk, they will

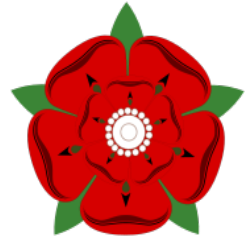
- deploy the drainage sump pump
- fit the flood prevention barriers
- move boats to higher racks



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- arrange the removal of boats (which could mean storage on the club trailer on higher ground)
- removal of other at-risk contents from the property.