

KENDAL ORAL HISTORY GROUP INTERVIEW 0320F

Kendal Flood Project interview

Interview recorded June 2016

Alan Reed born 1943

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Track 1, pp.1-3

Noticed the very heavy rain the day before the flood with roads already starting to flood on his journey from Windermere Road (where he lives) and Mint Street (where his daughter lives).

On the afternoon of 5th December daughter rang to say she thought her house was about to flood.

He describes his difficult journey (on foot) from Windermere Road to Mint Street as the roads were flooded. Saw water pouring off Appleby Rd into Mint Street.

The house had not yet flooded, so helped his daughter to lift heavy furniture and move smaller items upstairs.

In the evening the house flooded from both front and back.

Took themselves and provisions upstairs.

Tried to get to the garage to save some papers but unable to get there.

Next morning the water was out of the house. Left to walk to Windermere Road.

A description of their complex journey as roads and bridges closed.

Later returned to the house to start the clean up.

Some days later saw the surveyor. Told it would be a long process before the house would be completed.

He and his daughter upset at the damage done to this beautiful home.

Track 2, pp.3-4

They had a good builder and workman and he supervised the job.

Despite this it took six months to get back in the house.

His daughter is deeply affected by the flood and its aftermath.

Also the fears that it might happen again.