

KENDAL ORAL HISTORY GROUP INTERVIEW 0330F

Kendal Flood December 2015 project interview

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The Kendal Sea Cadet hut on Queen Katherine Street was flooded on 5 December. It had never flooded previously.

When they visited the hut the day after the flood they found a scene of devastation – all equipment and contents were ruined.

The Round Table have provided funding to help. Queen Katherine School have provided accommodation for the corps to meet temporarily.

A positive response from cadets and everyone involved in the corps.

Other Sea Cadets organisations have provided help.

The Sea Cadets are completely self-funded – so need to fund-raise at all times.

The insurance company will not pay for everything that is needed.

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Talks of insurance matters and whether the hut can be salvaged.

Details of the hut and how well-maintained it was before the flood.

They are still working out how much can be replaced.

A radio appeal led to the offer of accommodation at Queen Katherine School.

They sail on Killington water each week in Summer.

The Rotary Club provided money to replace the band instruments and they were able to play at the Mayor's Parade in 2016. This is very important for morale.

Discusses the difficulties of applying for funding from the various funds that were set up in the wake of the flood.

Much help has been received from the wider Sea Cadet family and the local community.

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How they would like to rebuild and refit the hut – but not sure if that will be possible.

Morale was low in the months following the flood but had improved at the time of interview.