

KENDAL ORAL HISTORY GROUP INTERVIEW 0333F

Kendal Flood Project interview

Rev'd Jo Hurst, Curate, Kendal Parish Church, born 1974
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The basement of Kendal Parish Church was flooded on December 5th 2015, but the church was able to carry on regardless.

On the Monday after the flood she and the Vicar went onto Waterside to see how they could help families whose flats had been flooded.

They helped several families over the months following the flood. Some had lost everything and were uninsured and required a great deal of support.

Also some people had lost irreplaceable personal items.

Some required emotional support as well as goods and vouchers.

They put out a request for people to make donations. They had a good response from the congregation and Marks & Spencer. Also from further afield.

The kindness of strangers: people from Barrow helping clear out and take items to the tip.

The wider community pulled together.

Eventually, due to ill-health, some families had to move out of their homes.

Sign-posting people to organisations who could provide support was also something they were able to do. In particular form filling was very difficult for people who were under great stress.