

Kendal Oral History Group Interview 0348F

Kendal Flood Project Interview

Ian Dicksbury born 1935  
Interviewed September 2016

0348f Summary Sheet

Track 1, p.1

He has lived in the same house in Sandylands Road since he was a small child.  
He talks about the area in the past.  
The town and local community are very different now than it was years ago.

Track 2, pp.1-2

Description of his house flooding on December 5. Also his car flooded.  
The road was like a river – fast flowing with large items floating in it.  
Many cars flooded.

Track 3, pp.2-3

Stayed upstairs overnight.  
Son came two days later to help him. House emptied. Car taken away.  
He stayed at home for two days, then two days with his son, then moved back home.  
Talks about all the people who helped him – all volunteers. They came from  
Sandylands Methodist Church, St Georges Church and the Catholic Church.  
Provided help and food and were a great help, also completing forms for grants.  
The Environment Agency dredging the river.  
Shortage of accommodation – but he was lucky and found a flat in Kendal. Is still in  
the flat at the time of interview.

Track 4, pp. 3-4

After the flood there was a stronger sense of community. He got to know many more  
people – volunteers and other people who had been flooded.  
So a bad and good experience.