

KENDAL ORAL HISTORY GROUP INTERVIEW 0351F

Kendal Flood Project Interview

Stephen Sharrock born 1964
Interviewed September 2016

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Interview with a Fire and Rescue Service officer for Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service

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Storm Clodagh over reaction

On duty from Friday night until Monday Morning

Had to go out to minor incidents because fire engines were elsewhere.

Not a lot he could do just check the electrics and pass details of the situation to other agencies

Fire service very stretched over large area

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Had a Land Rover so could get to incidents normal vehicles couldn't.

Two serious incidents – Car floating down New Road with people inside and a lady trapped in car, which was filling with water. Both rescued

Fire Station flooded up to one foot deep

Police Station Flooded. Command Centre moved to Kendal Mountain Rescue HQ

Man Drowned at Staveley

Things quietened down at Kendal moved to Carlisle Command Centre.