

SOUTH FERRIBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Resident,

Re: Flooding 5th December 2013

I am writing to you following the tidal surge which flooded part of South Ferriby on the 5th December 2013.

Distributions from the Flood Relief Appeal Fund

It is expected that the first phase of the flood relief appeal fund will stay open until the end of February 2014, and we shall endeavour to arrange for a distribution from the fund to be made by the end of March 2014. We appreciate your patience in regards to the distribution of this fund and we are working as quickly as we can to organise this. If your home flooded, and you would like to seek financial assistance from the fund, please complete the enclosed form. This should be returned to the Parish Clerk at the address above by 28th February 2014. We would also like to hear from anyone in the village who used their car to help rescue people and has suffered a financial loss as a result.

Public Meeting

The Parish Council has arranged a public meeting on the 17th February at 7pm at South Ferriby Village Hall to discuss the events of 5th December 2013. Staff from the Environment Agency will be present and representatives have been invited from North Lincolnshire Council and the emergency services.

All residents of the village are welcome to attend. I know many of us are keen to understand how South Ferriby came to be so severely flooded and it must be recognised that we were extremely fortunate that nobody was killed or seriously injured by the tidal surge; nonetheless I hope that the tone of the meeting will be constructive so that the relevant authorities can learn the necessary lessons to ensure that we are less exposed to such risks in the future.

Parish Council Appeal Fund

The Parish Council's Flood Relief Fund is still open, and if you would like to donate to this cheques should be made payable to 'South Ferriby Flood Relief Fund' and posted to the Parish Clerk at the address above. Cash donations can be made at the Post Office and electronic forms of giving are set out on the Parish Council's website (www.southferribyparishcouncil.gov.uk). Some people who flooded are experiencing severe financial hardship and I would urge you to give as generously as you can. We are also appealing for new white goods; and for electricians, plumbers and those with similar skills to donate a day or more of their time. If you have furniture which you would like to donate please email us first.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Roy A Holloway
Chairman
On behalf of South Ferriby Parish Council