

How Flood Resilience Groups Work in Clackmannanshire Council



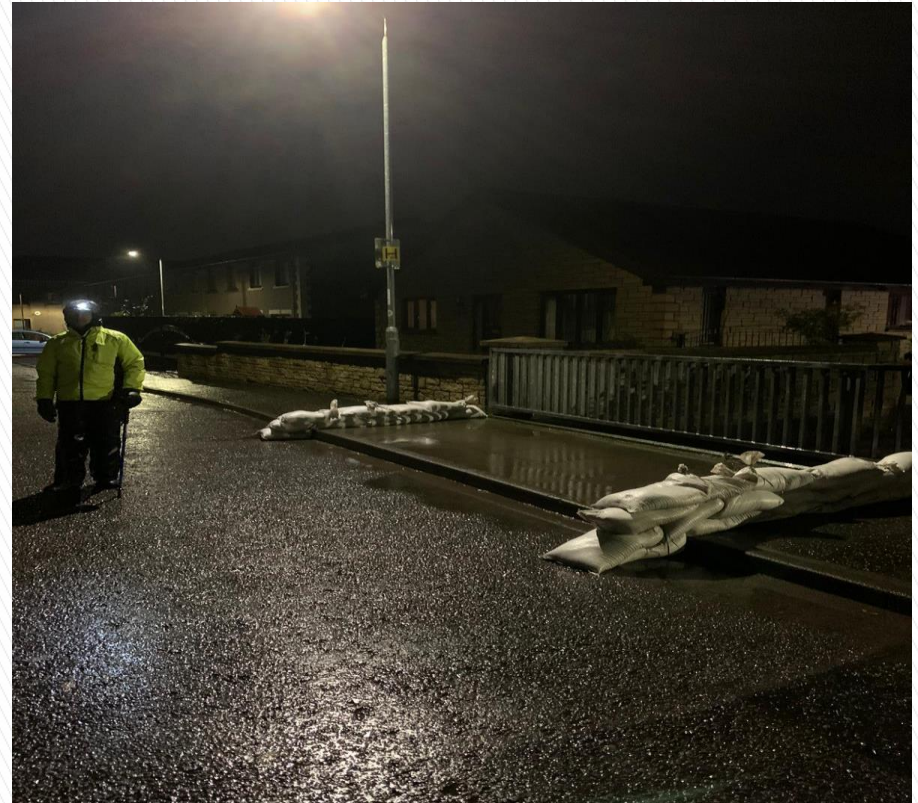
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- Managing Flood Response
- Links between Responders
- Problems Shared
- Value of Flood Groups
- Informed Local Support.



Alva Community Resilience Group

The Value of Staying in Touch

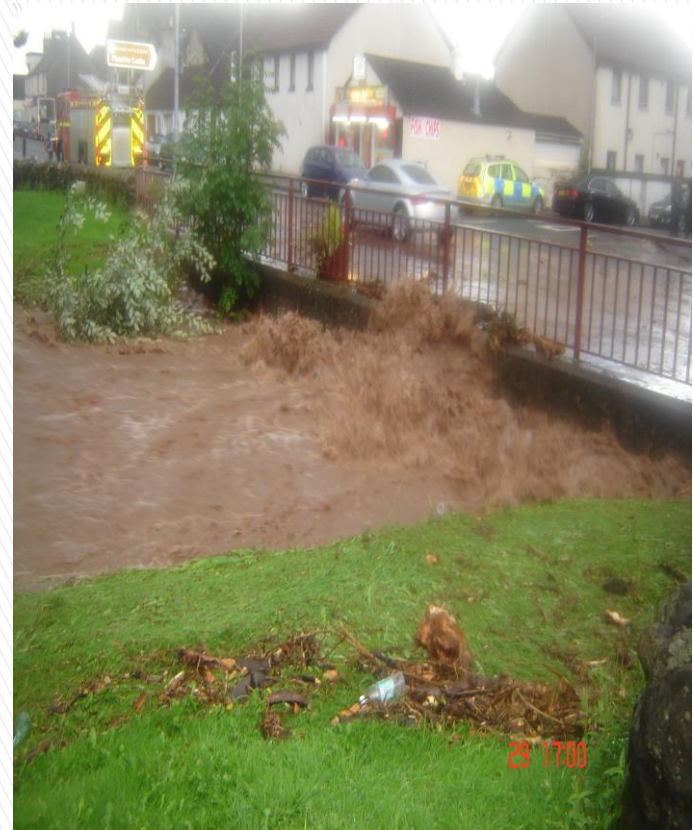
- ▶ We make sure we stay in touch with our groups
- ▶ They are our long term partners
- ▶ Cautionary Tail
- ▶ Critical input from external partners



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Group Learning and Development

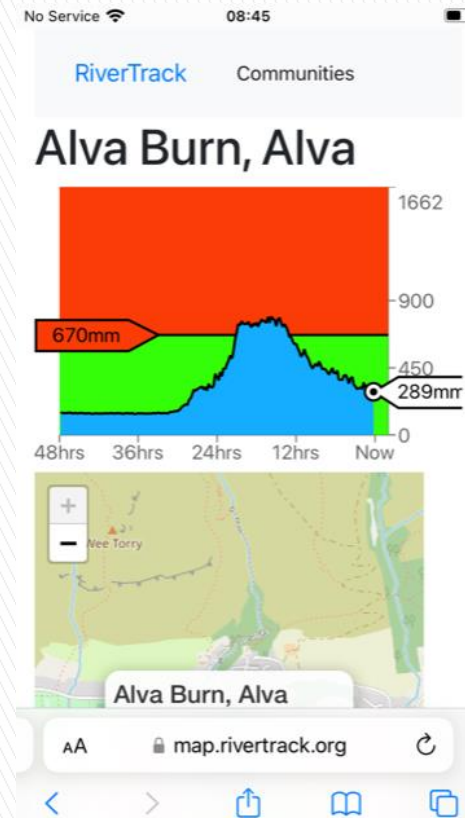
- ▶ groups learn about how the weather can affect their communities
- ▶ learn what the trusted sources of weather information are for them
- ▶ learn how the 'weather warning environment' works
- ▶ consider what actions they can take to prepare for a flood event (from their flood action plans)
- ▶ how conditions before and during weather events can affect flood prone areas and people.



Menstrie Burn 2012

Group Learning and Development

- ▶ national and local weather alerts
- ▶ SEPA Alerts and Warnings, via Floodline
- ▶ SEPA's 3 day SFF Statement
- ▶ Local monitoring devices : River Track and Hydro Logic
- ▶ Volunteers out assessing the area, if safe to do so.
- ▶ Dialogue with council flood officers.



River Track Monitor Output

Benefits for All

- ▶ They have developed good knowledge of their catchments, what the causes of flooding could be and what can be done to manage the risks.
- ▶ They will advocate for their communities so risks can be better managed,
- ▶ Our groups have largely become self-sustaining, so they need minimal direct resourcing from the council. **But** they will always have a partnership with the council
- ▶ They often have vital knowledge of vulnerable people who are more at risk during flooding events.
- ▶ Group members are trusted members of the community
- ▶ There is no doubt that our groups have helped reduce flooding impacts in our communities.



Alva & Tillicoultry Community Resilience Groups, Scottish Flood Forum – Test Event