

## FLOOD RECOVERY FUND REPORT

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# STORM BABET

On October 21st 2023, severe flood warnings were issued across the County of Lincolnshire following excessive rainfall Storm Babet brought throughout the days prior. The rain persistently fell leading to groundwater and the rise of rivers in the area.

The flood defence erected in Horncastle which was designed to prevent flooding in this area was breached causing catastrophic damage to properties within the Town and across the banks of the River Bain.



## ABOUT THE FUND

Recognising an immediate need for assistance, Lincolnshire Community Foundation (LCF) were immediately on hand to help distribute funding to those households severely affected.

East Lindsey District Council (ELDC) opened the funding pot with a generous donation of £10,000, the Horncastle and District Lions and the panel members of the Horncastle Health and Wellbeing fund, (managed by LCF) donated a further £2,000,



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which was later matched by Horncastle Town Council. ELDC continued to show support with additional contributions totalling £15,000 (£25,000 overall).

Those affected could apply for small grants to cover costs towards cleaning, emergency repairs, heating, basic furniture and white goods and alternative accommodation costs.

140 households were supported with funding, immediate priority was given those who had to leave their properties and re-locate, as well as households with vulnerable residents aged over 70, under 5 or have long term health conditions.

Some occupants were told it would take months until their houses would fully dry out or repairs will be finished, leaving families in limbo during the cold, wet months, so the funding has helped towards rental costs of alternate accommodation.

Others have purchased dehumidifiers, replaced carpet underlay, or even put the funding towards their excess for insurance claims.



# Key Figures



**348 PEOPLE SUPPORTED**



**11% OVER 70**



**8%  
UNDER 5**



**19 applicants required assistance with funds accredited to moving into emergency accommodation or living costs**



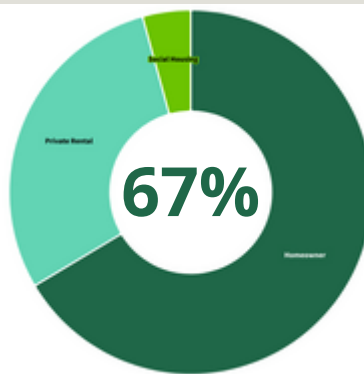
**30% SINGLE  
PERSON**



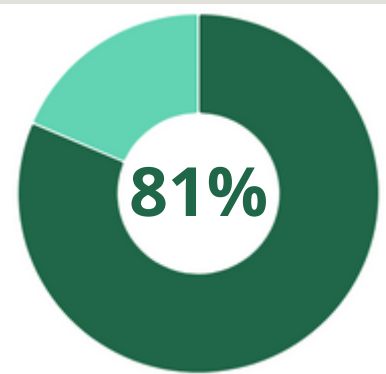
**31% COUPLE/  
2 PERSON**



**39% FAMILY**



**HOMEOWNERS**



**NOT IN RECEIPT  
OF BENEFITS**



**49% WERE COVERED BY BOTH BUILDINGS AND CONTENTS INSURANCE, HOWEVER 37% WERE EITHER UNABLE TO CLAIM OR DID NOT HAVE ANY INSURANCE**

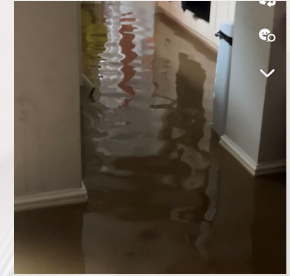


# Application Quotes



**"I need help with alternate accommodation, I have been made homeless because of the flooding"**

**"I am currently running 3 dehumidifiers and have my gas central heating on full. This is having a huge impact on my energy usage."**



**"I live alone, work full time and have an evening job just to keep afloat. I don't have money to repair the flooring without your help."**

**"I need clothing, I had to leave the house and cannot go back, all I have is what I left in"**



**"We have been told we cannot return for 6 months and have to fund alternate accommodations ourselves."**

# Feedback Messages

I was extremely pleased and relieved to have been granted funding, and I am sincerely grateful for this. As you can imagine, the recent flooding has been a very stressful drain on finances, and I can assure you that this will make a very big difference to my ability to meet the costs incurred, Once more, my sincere thanks and infinite gratitude to all involved in operating the grant.

My Mother is 96 years old and too proud to ask for help, your patience and support really has been fantastic.

Again we would like to thank the relevant organisations for their contribution of £200.00. It has gone a long way towards the cost. We are not expected to be back in our own home until April/May next year. We are currently living in temporary accommodation

Many thanks for all your kind support. It is heartening to feel that we are getting some support at this difficult time.

Thank you so much, it will help a lot at the moment. The house is drying very slowly but I know that eventually it will be ok again.

I never thought I'd be pleased to be able to clean my house! Thank you for the money towards the wet/dry vacuum.

Thanks so much for your speedy response and your help at this distressing time. Your links and help from our previous correspondence has also ensured I get further support from East Lindsey District Council.

Thank you very much for your help and support, you've been very accommodating and gone that extra mile for me.

We are 2 pensioners who have lived in the flooded property for most of our married lives, and we have never seen flooding like it. We have had to move into temporary accommodation with very few of our own possessions. I was apprehensive to ask for help but your kindness and support has been wonderful, thank you

We are so grateful for your email confirming the grant for us. also the extra work you did to move into my other questions, and I can confirm that all queries have been addressed and I am getting some Household Support Funding from your colleagues.