

<p>Cumbria flood action plan</p> <p>Wigton community action table</p> <p>The purpose of this action table is to highlight the flood management that is currently in place and the specific actions that are happening or proposed within the Cumbria flood action plan for this community.</p> <p>Please read this table in conjunction with the full Cumbria flood action plan and summary document, which can be found online by visiting www.gov.uk and searching Cumbria flood action plan.</p>	<p>Wigton better protected</p> <p>1) Do now (within next 12 months):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register properties on Floodline Warnings Direct • Publish and review flood investigation report • Complete appraisals of possible actions to manage flood risk <p>2) Develop (2-5 years):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take forward recommendations in the flood investigation report and identify possible options to reduce flood risk • Continue to support sharing knowledge and best practice through the network for Community Action Groups <p>3) Explore (5+ years):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop opportunities for natural flood risk management and engineered storage where feasible
<p>Catchment: Derwent</p> <p>Impact of December 2015 flood: Approximately 14 homes and businesses were flooded.</p> <p>Description: Wigton is a market town 15 miles southwest of Carlisle with a population of approx. 6,000. It is located at the confluence of Wiza Beck, Speet Gill, Black Beck and the Flosch Beck.</p>	

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<p>Strengthening flood defences</p> 	<p>The Environment Agency maintains sections of Wiza Beck, Speet Gill and Flosch Beck through the town. There is a storage basin on Wiza Beck and a number of gauges in the area that inform the Flood Warning Service. There are currently no other formal flood defences in Wigton.</p>	<p>Improved defences</p> <p>£2.0m of capital funding has been allocated from within the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Investment Plan. This funding will be used to assess the options for managing flood risk which may include: strengthening defences, improving the capacity of watercourses and surface water drains, upstream storage and 'slow the flow' interventions.</p> <p>Repairing damages from Storm Desmond</p> <p>Repairs to storage basin and channel.</p> <p>Modelling and forecasting post-event model re-runs</p> <p>Update the river level model with the most recent flow data available from Storm Desmond to develop and support any future schemes.</p>	<p>Draft Flood Investigation Report published summer 2016</p> <p>Completed spring 2016</p> <p>Short term (within next 12 months)</p>	<p>Environment Agency</p> <p>Environment Agency</p>	<p>£70,000 (Cumbria wide spend)</p>

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		<p>Understanding Bridges</p> <p>Review the role that bridges play in flood risk and their vulnerability during a flood.</p>	Short term – strategic review within the next 12 months	Cumbria County Council Environment Agency	
<p>Upstream management</p> 	Currently there is limited use of upstream management in the sub-catchments upstream of Wigton.	Explore opportunities for engineered and natural flood management solutions to be used upstream in order to 'slow the flow' and manage peak river levels.	Medium term (2-5 years) or long term (over 5 years)	Farmers Landowners Community groups Trusts	
<p>Maintenance</p> 	<p>The Environment Agency maintains sections of Wiza Beck, Speet Gill and Flosch Beck on an ongoing basis. This work includes managing vegetation and removing blockages. There is a storage basin on Wiza Beck and a number of gauges in the area that inform the Flood Warning Service.</p> <p>The planned maintenance programme is available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/river-and-coastal-maintenance-programme This year's scheduled maintenance will be completed by the end of the year.</p> <p>In this area, the Environment Agency inspects and clears debris screens as part of its operational response to heavy rainfall.</p>	<p>The new Environment Agency system will make it easier for communities to understand maintenance in their area. Improvements will show exactly when, where and what maintenance is being planned each year.</p> <p>Make sure that communities understand how they can access information on planned maintenance at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/river-and-coastal-maintenance-programme</p>	Short (within next 12 months)	Communities Environment Agency Parish and District Councils	
<p>Resilience</p> 	There is an active community action group in Wigton, Wigton Flood Action Group and a completed emergency plan.	Work with communities to establish a network of Emergency Groups to share learning and best practice.		Environment Agency (Flood Warning & Community Resilience) Communities Parish & District Councils Local Government	Local Levy, Flood Defence Grant in Aid
	2 new Flood Warning Areas were added in spring 2016. There are now 3 flood warnings and a flood alert for Wigton.	Work with the Emergency Group to increase uptake of residents registered to the flood warning service, particularly in the new flood warnings areas.	spring 2017		

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	Local authorities are administering the Flood Recovery and Resilience Grants.	People who flooded in December 2015 are being urged to apply for the £5,000 resilience grant from their district/borough council. The deadline for applications has been extended to Friday 31 March 2017. A further £2,000 top up grant can also be applied for from the Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund.	Closing date for grant applications – end of March 2017	District Council	Resilience grants of £5,000 per property
Water Level Management Boards 	There are no Water Level Management Boards in this area.				