DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL - FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL (IMMEDIATE AWARDS)

Tuesday 18 February, 2014

Dawlish Town Council has moved quickly to start releasing grant payments to families affected by the recent storm and flooding.

An "Immediate Needs" scheme has been set up to release small grants of up to £100 to help with costs incurred by affected households. The council had released payments totalling £2400 by the end of last week. Anyone else wishing to make a claim on the fund is encouraged to contact the Town Council.

Dawlish Mayor Cllr Terry Lowther said "We are anxious not to sit on this money, which has been raised by the people of Dawlish to help their neighbours. So it is good that the first grants have been made so quickly"

The Flood Appeal Fund currently sits at over £7,000 with contributions from the Town Council, street collections, Jack Sprats and Rotary collections. It is expected that more funds will be added over the coming weeks with the income from collecting tins across the town, church collections, and a Benefit gig by "The Locked Box Project"

The Council is setting up an Awards Panel to make grants from the remaining money in the fund for more medium term needs that the affected people will encounter as life begins to return to normal. Every single penny collected will be used to help Dawlish people, with administration costs being paid by the Town Council.

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