

Flood Bulletin – Dunning

The Council is producing bulletins aimed at keeping local communities informed of the developments and recovery work in progress following the flooding in their area.

This bulletin has been prepared specifically for residents affected by flooding in Dunning, primarily from the Dunning Burn.

We are sorry to hear about the flooding that you have experienced.

We have been receiving a high volume of calls and e-mails from throughout Perth and Kinross following the flooding of 12 August. Unfortunately, it's not possible for us to respond to them all at once. This bulletin is intended to answer some of your questions in the meantime.

Community Meetings and Future Updates

The Council will be holding meetings with affected residents. This is complicated by the on-going coronavirus pandemic and so these meetings may be held online. We will advise you of the details shortly.

If you are interested in attending a future meeting and wish to receive future updates, please email your contact details to flood@pkc.gov.uk

The Scottish Flood Forum

The Scottish Flood Forum is an independent organisation which supports individuals and communities at risk from flooding. If you have not already done so, we would encourage you to contact the Forum – their contact details are at the end of this bulletin.

The Forum were in Dunning on 31 August (6-9pm) to offer support and provide information on property flood protection measures that residents can take.

Flooding in Dunning

This severe weather of 12 August resulted in widespread flooding across Tayside with approximately 165 properties affected. The Dunning Burn catchment was badly affected with approximately 9 properties being flooded and further impacts to a larger number of resident's gardens and outbuildings. The main areas that were flooded included Lower Granco Street and Park View.

The Council's Roads Maintenance Partnership attended site on the afternoon of 12 August, but no emergency action was required on the roads network in Dunning village. The watercourse at the ford at Lower Granco street was in spate and in other streets there was water flowing in road channels, but this was not causing any issues to road users. Staff resources were very stretched during that day as key staff had already worked through the night and so were only able to give Dunning village a

brief inspection before moving on to other priorities at the flooding incidents at the A823 Glendevon and B934 Dunning Glen. Officers from the Council's Structures and Flooding Team were on site and spoke to residents to offer advice and support and to gain an understanding of their concerns and issues.

The Council arranged for a large build up of timber to be removed from the Kirk Wynd footbridge on the 18 August 2020.

Street cleansing units were deployed to the area to assist with the clean-up of river deposits on Lower Granco Street.

Current Priority Work

The Latch Burn culvert beneath the B9141 (adjacent to Gardener's Cottage) blocked with timber and collapsed during the flood. The Council has been carrying out works to clear the debris, expose the culvert and stabilise the bank of the burn. This work was completed on 21 August 2020.

Follow-on works to carry out a permanent repair to the structure will be completed in due course.

Clearance and Repair Work

The Council carries out routine inspections of the Dunning Burn every 12 months. We will carry out clearance and repair works where this will substantially reduce flood risk. We also undertake clearance work when the public alert us to any obstructions.

Community Resilience

Residents are advised to take action to reduce the risk of flooding to their property. This could include having your own supply of sandbags available and fitting flood protection products to your property such as airbrick covers or door guards. Please refer to the Council's general flood bulletin (under '*What action can I take to protect my property from flooding?*') and FAQ's provided separately. Further information can also be found at www.pkc.gov.uk/plp.

On-Going/Future Action

The published Tay Local Flood Risk Management Plan includes general actions to manage flood risk including maintaining flood warning, flood forecasting, awareness raising, self help, maintenance, emergency plans/response and planning policies. Dunning is located within Potentially Vulnerable Area (PVA) 08/16. The Plan can be viewed at www.pkc.gov.uk/frmplans.

Flooding is a natural phenomenon and the risk of flooding cannot entirely be eliminated. Unfortunately, exceptional weather events are happening more often, and flooding is having increasing impact and effect across the whole country. There will always be limits as to what individual Council's and public sector agencies can achieve to prevent flooding.

