KENDAL ORAL HISTORY GROUP FLOOD INTERVIEW 0349

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Track 1, pp.1-3

Storm Clodagh Insufficient warning so we didn't do anything and nothing happened

Churches Together Finkle Street Carol Service to raise money for Manna House. Everybody got soaking wet.

Moving stuff onto desks then abandoning the building as river got too dangerous. Last vehicle along Aynam Road before police shut it.

Track 2, pp.3-4

'Rescuing' Daughter and friends Sunday morning complete devastation in the office

Track 3, pp.4-6

Magnificent job clearing up by volunteers and outsiders who offered help. Normal "Night Shelter" service provided for Manna House usual clients not used because of all the other help being offered.

Track 4, pp.6-7

Lessons learned and measures taken to mitigate future flooding.

Track 5, p.7

The difference in the way modern buildings and old buildings survived the flooding.