



PRESS RELEASE

CLEAR UP EFFORT CONTINUES IN THE DALES

District Council officers will continue to work with community groups to help victims of last week's devastating floods in the Dales.

They will assist at the Reeth Hub - as well as staffing the council offices in Leyburn and Reeth - for the rest of this week (w/c Aug 5) to deal with queries and offer advice to affected residents and businesses.

The authority is co-ordinating the recovery phase of the incident - a process that is expected to continue for months. It is working alongside the NFU, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, North Yorkshire County Council and other key agencies. As part of the clear up operation skips are being provided to take household waste and white goods are being removed free of charge.

"This incident has been devastating to the businesses and residents of the Dales but they are determined to bounce back – the Dales is still open for visitors," said Leader of the Council, Councillor Angie Dale.

"I have been up to visit the scene of the floods several times and witnessed amazing community spirit among people who have lost almost all their possessions. The district council has had people up in the Dales from day one – often not visible, but there giving advice and support.

"On top of that the authority has sent food and supplies to Reeth, arranged for pub meals, paid for new fridges and accommodation for volunteers, and provided the area with help where it has been most needed. I want to thank everyone for their response to the situation – both those from the local community and from further afield. The council will be working on the ground for as long as it takes to get everyone affected back on their feet."

Information on where to get help – as a resident and business – is available on Richmondshire.gov.uk - follow the link from the home page. There is also information for farmers – including details of a surgery in Leyburn this week (Wednesday Aug 7).

MORE INFORMATION

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