

Natural Flood Management (NFM) Calderdale – The Community Approach

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Overview

- ➔ Boxing Day 2015 and The Calderdale Flood Action Plan
- ➔ Natural Flood Management – A Community Spirit
- ➔ Natural Flood Management – A Community Avocation
- ➔ Natural Flood Management – A Community Legacy

Boxing Day 2015



- Approximately 3,500 homes and businesses were affected across Calderdale in addition to schools, bridges, substations, sewage treatment works, schools and other infrastructure.
- The DEFRA Secretary of State tasked the EA to work in partnership with partners and the wider community to produce a 25 year strategic catchment plan

Calderdale Flood Action Plan

- 25 year plan to reduce flood risk in Calderdale published Autumn 2016.
- Designed over 11 facilitated workshops in partnership with representatives from over 30 organizations and the wider community



Calderdale Flood Action Plan

Working with the
Calderdale Flood Partnership



how we're reducing
the risk of flooding
for Calderdale



- Short term actions, medium term initiatives and long term approaches to reduce flood risk and build resilience across 5 themes.

Natural Flood Management – A Community Spirit

- Community organisation led Natural Flood Management type activities have been happening in Calderdale since at least 1999 although under a different banner
- Community organisation led Natural Flood Management type activities have been happening in Calderdale since at least 2007 in response to flood risk.

Natural Flood Management – A Community Spirit

- Imaginations ignite
- Organisations form
- Relationships develop



Natural Flood Management – A Community Avocation

- Community expertise
- Opportunities to get involved
- Take ownership



Natural Flood Management – A Community Legacy

- Calderdale Council Millennium Million Trees Project
- Treesponsibility – Over 200k trees planted by volunteers since 1999 with a target of 25k to be planted this coming planting season.
- Slow the Flow – Calderdale Volunteers: Over 70 leaky dams built in Hardcastle Crag since April 2017 with hundreds more planned.

