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Dear Resident

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**Flooding update**

If you have been affected by the recent floods the information below may be of assistance.

**1. Nottinghamshire County Council Hardship fund**

Nottinghamshire County Council have made their hardship fund available for properties with internal flooding. This does not include outbuilding or gardens. Households can claim up to £120 and businesses can claim up to £300. To enquire about this fund and to check your eligibility please contact Nottinghamshire County Council on 0300 500 80 80 or alternatively email them at [enquiries@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@nottscc.gov.uk).

**2. Government grants**

As the Secretary of State with responsibility for coordinating the recovery after significant floods, I activated a set of measures on Wednesday funded by central government:

- I. **Hardship Payments:**  
You can apply for up to £500 in financial hardship payment which may in the short-term. This is not meant to compensate for damage or replace insurance claims, but to help those in immediate financial need.
- II. **Council Tax Relief:**  
Households and businesses affected by recent flooding, where you are forced to leave your property or business premises altogether will be eligible for 100% council tax and business rates relief for at least three months.
- III. **Business Recovery Grants:**  
If you are a small-to-medium sized businesses employing less than 49 people and have suffered severe, uninsurable losses you could be eligible for up to £2,500 from the Business Recovery Grant.
- IV. **Property Resilience Payments:**  
If you are a flood-hit home or business you can apply for up to £5,000 to help make them more resilient to future flooding, such as installing flood gates or moving sockets up the wall. I secured these payments for residents in 2014 and so they may be familiar to you or local friends.

***From the Member of Parliament for the Newark Constituency***

*including Balderton, Bingham, Collingham, East Bridgford, East Markham, Lowdham, Newark, Southwell and Tuxford.*



To enquire about the Government grants above you should contact Newark and Sherwood District Council. To claim the council tax relief you can email [council.tax@nsdc.info](mailto:council.tax@nsdc.info) including; name, address, details of flood, if evacuated, and any pictures to support. For all other grant enquires you can email the council at [customerservices@nsdc.info](mailto:customerservices@nsdc.info) or alternatively call them on 01636 650000.

This flood is another reminder that we need to get the long awaited flood scheme done. The councils, Department for the Environment and the Environment Agency have been working on proposals, the latest update on which we heard last year, but these must now come to fruition.

Before the flood I had arranged to meet with the then Secretary of State Theresa Villiers MP, now George Eustice MP and Cllr Roger Jackson. I will ensure this happens shortly and will update you in due course. It is deeply frustrating how much time (and public money) has been spent on proposals that have yet to reach fruition. The delay must now end.

If you require further information or assistance from me and my office, please do not hesitate to contact my office on 01636 612837 or email me at [robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk).

*With best wishes,*

*Robert Jenrick*