

## **STORM DARRAGH FLOOD RECOVERY & RESILIENCE**

**Information received from the Lead Local Authority, North Yorkshire Council**



**January 2026**

Update for the Property Flood Resilience Scheme and clarification of timescales and expectations for the coming months.

### **What will Watertight do?**

#### **Step 1 – Arrange Works Inspection Survey**

Watertight will contact you (affected home owners) and arrange a date to carry out the works inspection. You may receive a call/email from us, North Yorkshire Council to assist with getting an appointment booked.

#### **Step 2 – Works Inspection Survey**

PFR brings together the person, the property and the flood risk and this Works Inspection Survey is where we, North Yorkshire Council, take the recommendations made by JBA and discuss the practical PFR measures that are suitable for your property. There will be various options and choices for you to consider.

The recommended design and costing is then discussed and agreed between Watertight and North Yorkshire Council.

The works inspection will take between 60 and 90 minutes. There will be various dates, times and flexibility to arrange an appointment that suits you.

We will leave you with a blank copy of the Homeowner Agreement (step 3) for you to consider. This does not need to be signed at this point but in our experience gives you time to ask any questions before you receive the actual agreement.

#### **Step 3 – Homeowner Agreement**

Once the PFR measures are agreed, you will receive a Homeowner Agreement to sign between you, as the homeowner, and North Yorkshire Council. This is a critical part of the scheme and until we receive this agreement, we cannot proceed to order products, which are generally bespoke manufactured to your individual property.

Watertight will issue your homeowner agreement via email using DocuSign. If specified by the homeowner, the agreement can instead be sent by post and collected in person on a mutually agreed date arranged between yourselves and Watertight.

In order for your property to proceed within the scheme timescales, we would appreciate it if we could have this signed and received by us within two weeks of receiving it. The sooner it is returned, the sooner your property can progress.

Following receipt of this agreement Watertight will then order the products; lead times are approximately 8 to 12 weeks.

#### **Step 4 – Installation**

Each property typically only takes a few days to complete. Watertight will give an estimated installation duration as part of our Works Inspection Survey.

There will be various dates, times, and flexibility to arrange an appointment that suits you.

During the installation period at your property, the Watertight team working will show you how to deploy the PFR measures.

#### **Step 5 – Provision of Homeowner Packs and Sign Off**

Post installation you will be provided with a homeowner pack which details the PFR measures supplied. The pack will include fitting instructions, storage and maintenance instructions.

You will also be visited by one of the Watertight team. They will not sign off until you are comfortable with your measures.

Watertight will also discuss with you the option to enter into an agreement for an annual maintenance inspection if this is something you wish to proceed with and is down to each homeowner. This is between you, the homeowner, and Watertight.

#### **Step 6 – Post Installation Audit (PIA)**

JBA Consultants who carried out the initial survey will return post installation to ensure that the measures installed protect the property as per their flood risk assessment.

Step 1 and 2 should now be completed. If you still have not heard from Watertight please get in touch with myself or Watertight on [enquiries@watertightinternational.com](mailto:enquiries@watertightinternational.com).

Some residents will already be on to step 3. Homeowner agreements are in the process of being sent out, if you have not yet received it, please do not worry you will receive it.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please get in contact with myself or Watertight.

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December 2025

## Update from the Lead Local Flood Authority team at North Yorkshire Council post Storm Darragh

**Water Tight** Flood Resilience have been contracted by the Lead Local Flood Authority, North Yorkshire Council, to undertake works to the properties affected by flooding in Kirby Mills and Keldhome.



**Water Tight** Flood Resilience work on domestic properties installing flood door or flood barriers that go over doorways. They sometimes install pumps into the ground (to protect water from rising through the ground on suspended floors of properties). Other products they install are anti-flood air bricks, non-return valves as well as doing repointing, applying waterproof spray to brickwork and sealing any other water ingress points.

**Water Tight** have been on site in Kirby Mills and Keldholme, for the past two months. Surveys of the affected properties began during the week commencing 16th October. To date, they have completed 44 out of 49 surveys for the Rye Villages Scheme and 43 surveys for the Kirkbymoorside Scheme, with additional appointments scheduled this week. Across the Dales, 98 surveys have also been completed during this period.

Homeowner agreements have started to be issued and installations are scheduled to begin in January 2026.

The Town Council have agreed the allocation of unoccupied space at the sports field to be used by **Water Tight** to situate their stores. This will consist of two 20ft x 8ft containers, and two 8 yd enclosed skips - one for plastic / doors and the other for mixed waste which is usually rubble general waste, nothing toxic or hazardous. Use of the football club facilities has been offered, by agreement with the Kirkbymoorside Football Club, to negate the necessity for an additional welfare unit onsite with toilets and a small kitchen area.

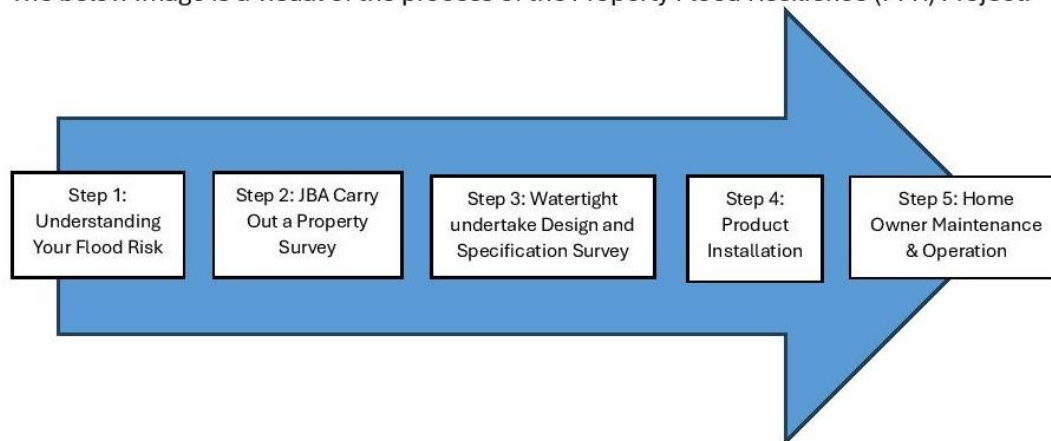
The works are expected to take 10 – 12 months from January 2026. The stores will be attended around 7.30am-8am or at the end of the day around 4.30pm with the odd visit during the day or for stock deliveries. This will ensure minimum disruption to the sports clubs.

September 2025

## Update from the Lead Local Flood Authority team at North Yorkshire Council post Storm Darragh

The North Yorkshire Council Lead Local Flood Authority team are working with residents impacted by flooding on a Property Flood Resilience (PFR) Project which includes assessing roughly 100 properties in the project for measures to increase property resilience to flooding. Arranging this project is quite a time-consuming process, and we do understand how keen you are to get the flood resilience measures fitted. Please rest assured that we have been working behind the scenes to get this moving forward.

The below image is a visual of the process of the Property Flood Resilience (PFR) Project:



Currently, Kirkbymoorside, Kirkby Mills and Keldholme are between steps 3 and 4, we will be reviewing the received JBA surveys to check for any issues, then will be sending them out to residents either via email or post in the next two weeks. After this, Watertight will reach out to arrange a design and specification survey. This is to measure up and assess which products recommended within the JBA survey would be most suitable. Please bear in mind you are one of around 100 properties this needs to be arranged for. Once this is complete, our team will assess the financial situation. We have an allocated pot of funds for this project, with those who have unfortunately suffered internal flooding taking priority for product installation. Once we know how much funding we have left, we will then establish what we can offer to those at risk or had near misses.

Separately from the Property Flood Resilience project, the team are still working on the Section 19 Investigation report. Once this has been approved within the council committee process, it will go through a consultation period, with it eventually being made publicly available. When the team have any updates, we will send this to the Parish Council to distribute amongst the community.

I hope this update is of some use, please do bear with us whilst we progress through this process.

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