



Business rate and funding support for flooded pubs

On 18th February 2020, [the Government announced that it will provide financial support](#) to those affected by flooding from storms Ciara and Dennis.

Under the Flood Recovery Framework and as affected areas move into recovery, businesses will receive funding from their local councils after a set of support packages were announced by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Robert Jenrick MP.

If a pub has been damaged by recent flooding, there may be financial assistance available. The first stage is to report that you have been affected by contacting your Local Authority or Council. We recommend that evidence of damage caused by the floods is collected in order to support your claim application. Please photograph all damage to buildings and contents before making any repairs or disposing of furniture.

Support could include:

- **Council tax and business rates relief.** For significantly affected homes and businesses, 100% council tax and business rate relief may be applied for a period of three months.
- **Up to £2,500 Business Recovery Grant** for small/medium sized businesses in affected areas, as a grant paid direct to the business. Businesses are eligible where they have suffered a significant direct loss of trade as a result of the flooding that cannot be recovered from insurance.
- **A Property Flood Resilience Scheme grant of up to £5,000** to help protect homes and businesses from future flooding.

The Government also announced that it would convene the cross-Whitehall Flood Recovery Taskforce, including environment, businesses and transport ministers, to provide individual areas with bespoke support and guidance.

The BBPA has also developed practical advice and a protocol on flooding in pubs as well as an easy-to-follow protocol flowchart when a flooding occurs in your pub.

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