

# Rotary clubs raise cash for flood victims

ROTARIANS from the two Rotary Clubs in Frome will be collecting donations in the Market Place this Saturday between 9am and 5pm for the Rotary (Somerset) Flood Disaster Relief Fund.

A Rotarian spokesman said: "We have all been made aware of the hardship that many people are suffering and once the rains stop and the water levels have gone down, the enormity of the damage will become apparent."

To help when the clean-up starts Rotary in Somerset has set up a flood relief fund to meet needs where hardship and circumstances warrant specific aid. A small team will assess individual cases and decide awards to ensure the most effective use of the fund.

Rotary in Somerset is part of the Emergency Voluntary Agencies Group which is managed by the Civil Contingencies Unit of Somerset County Council. They have been working hard on the variety of tasks thrown up by the flooding crisis.

Up until now Rotary's involvement has been groups of Rotarians deployed in making visits to homes and businesses in high risk areas providing information and offering reassurance, and gauging needs to report back to the Civil Contingencies Unit. This enables those directing operations to build an accurate profile and to target responses.

Rotarians have also been offering accommodation for those displaced, sourcing dry animal feed - a big issue now - recovering cars, helping with the shopping and many other little tasks to try to make life just a bit easier for those affected.

Donations can also be sent to either of the clubs at their meeting locations as published on the web.

For the Rotary Club of Frome Selwood visit [www.fromeselwoodrotary.org.uk](http://www.fromeselwoodrotary.org.uk).

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