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**Noah was aware..... and he took  
action!**



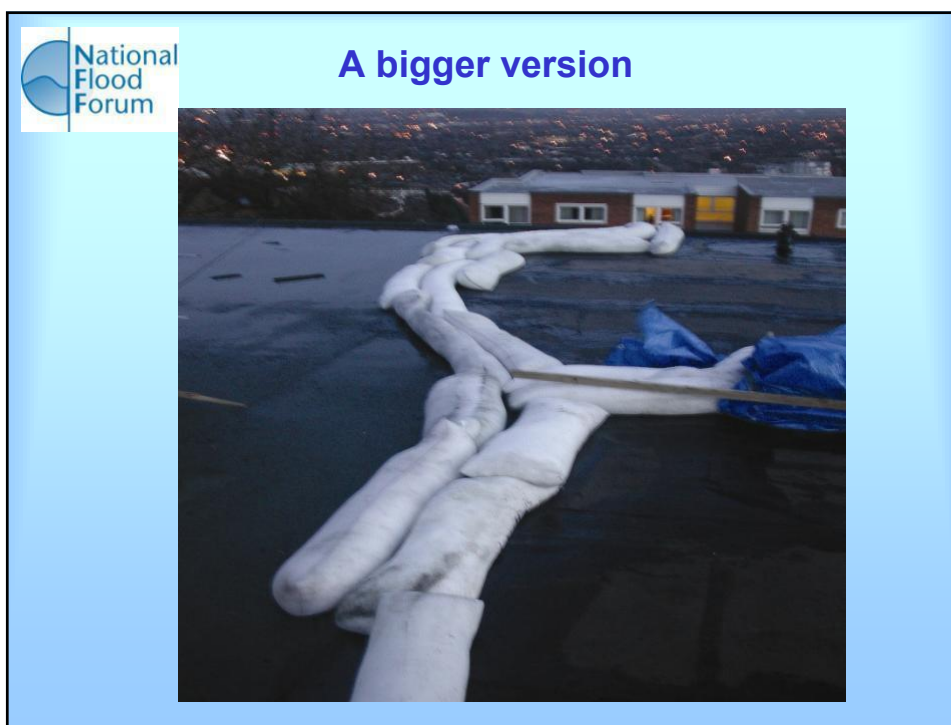
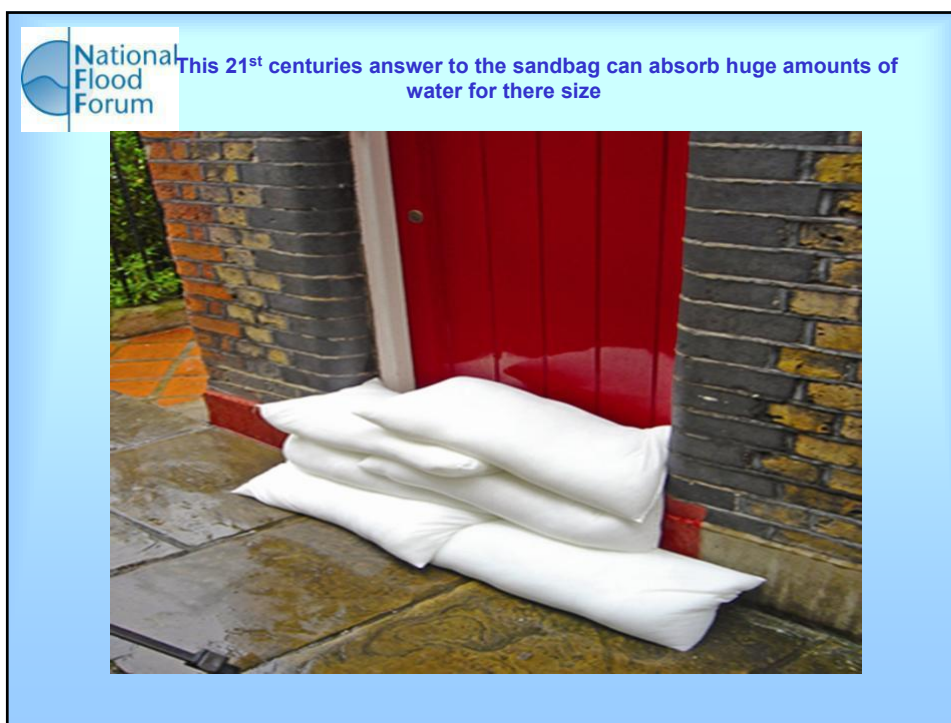
## Ban The Sandbag!!



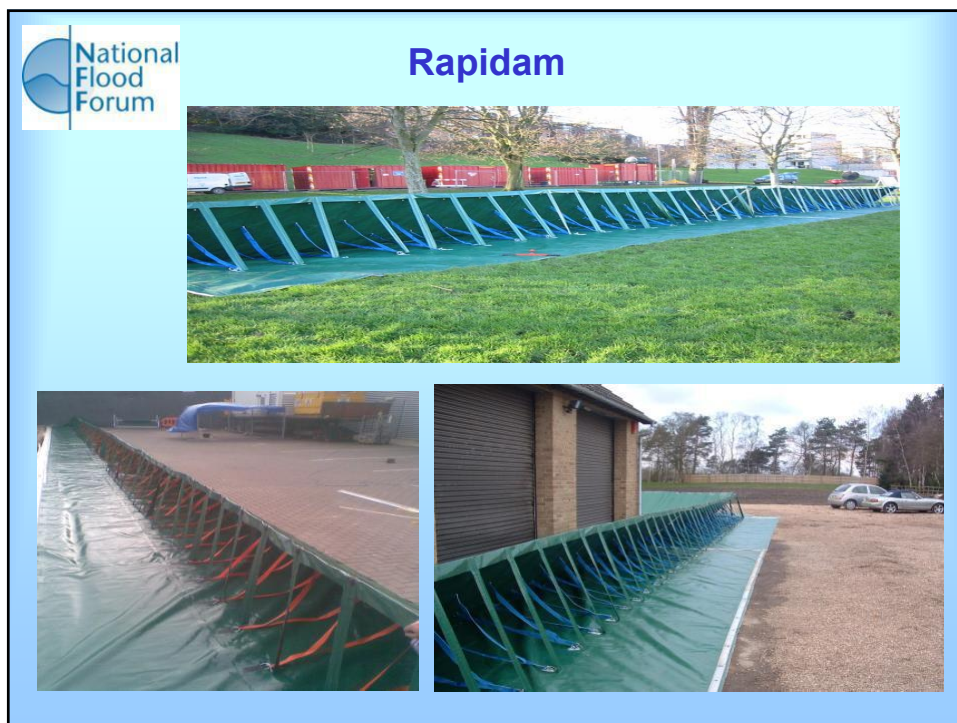
## Problems with sand bags

- Time consuming to assemble –
- Prone to leakage. Often only filter water.
- Large amount of manpower required to assemble a barrier in sufficient time.
- Can only be used once, not reusable.
- All singing , all dancing holographic mushroom grow after use!
- Too heavy for the elderly and vulnerable to lift.
- Problems with disposal







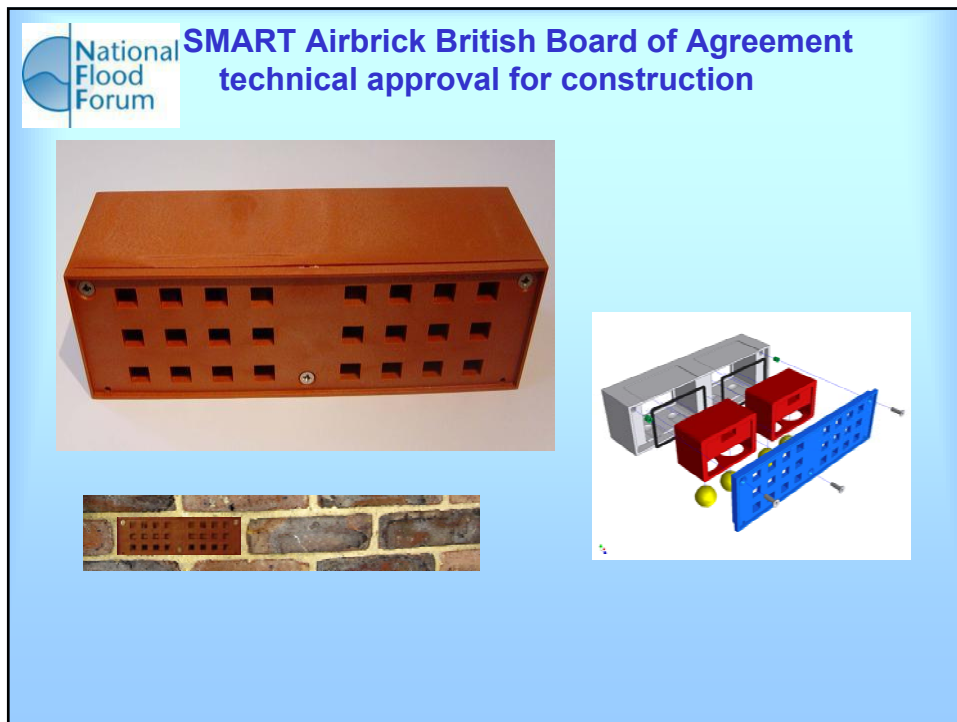




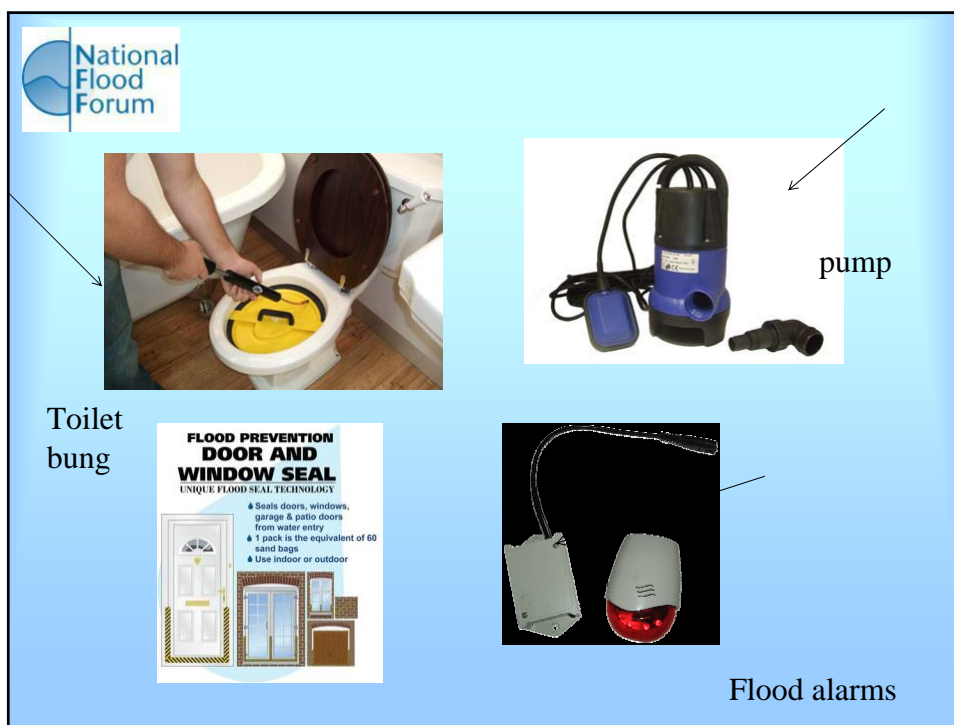








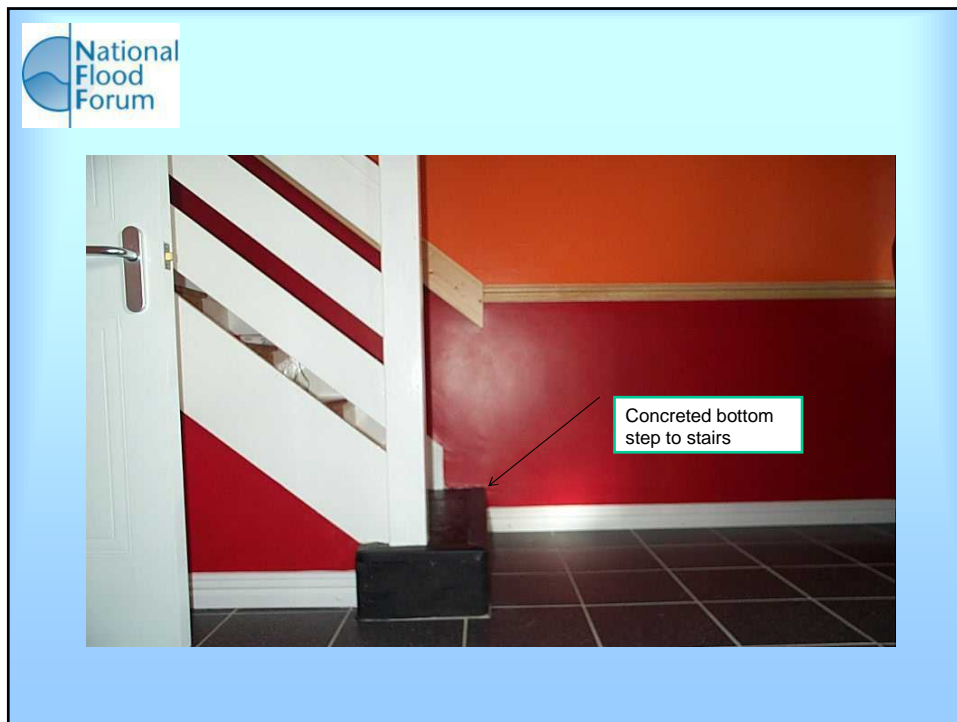


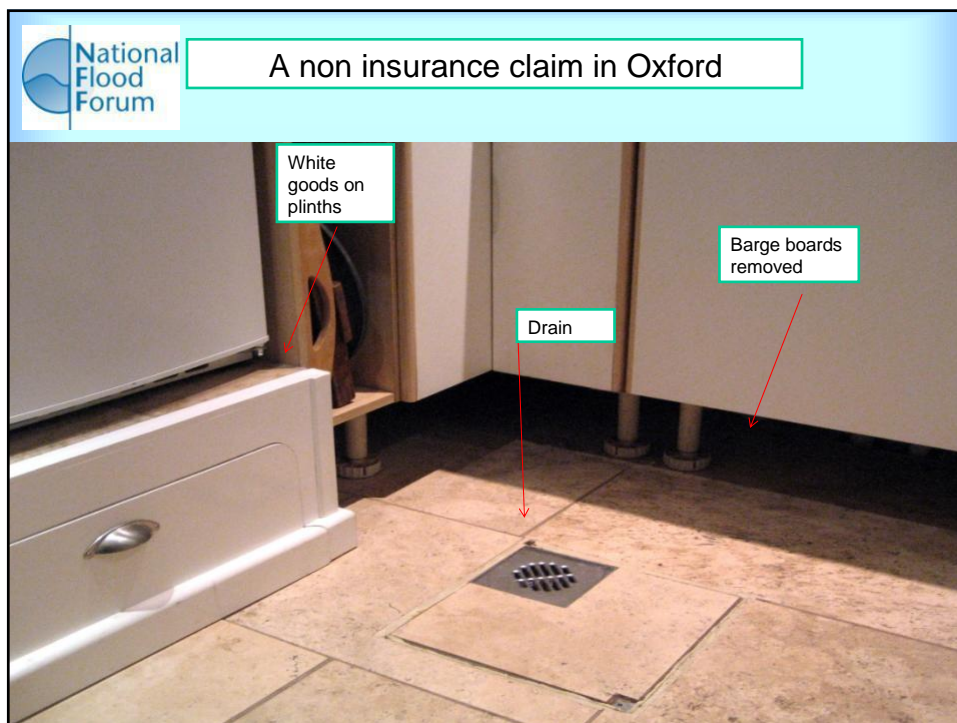


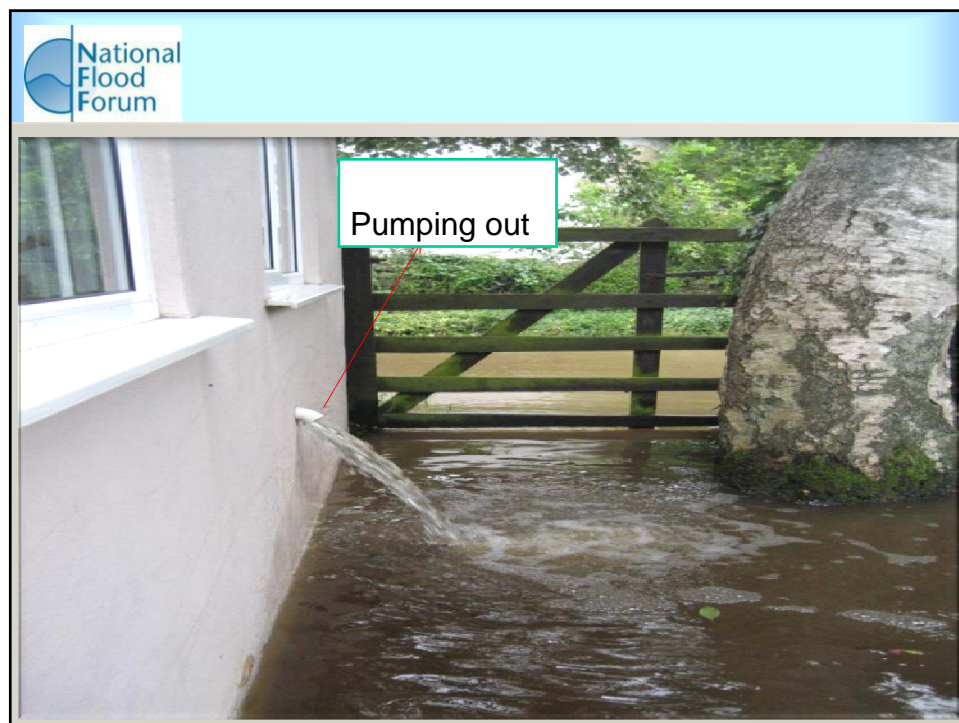




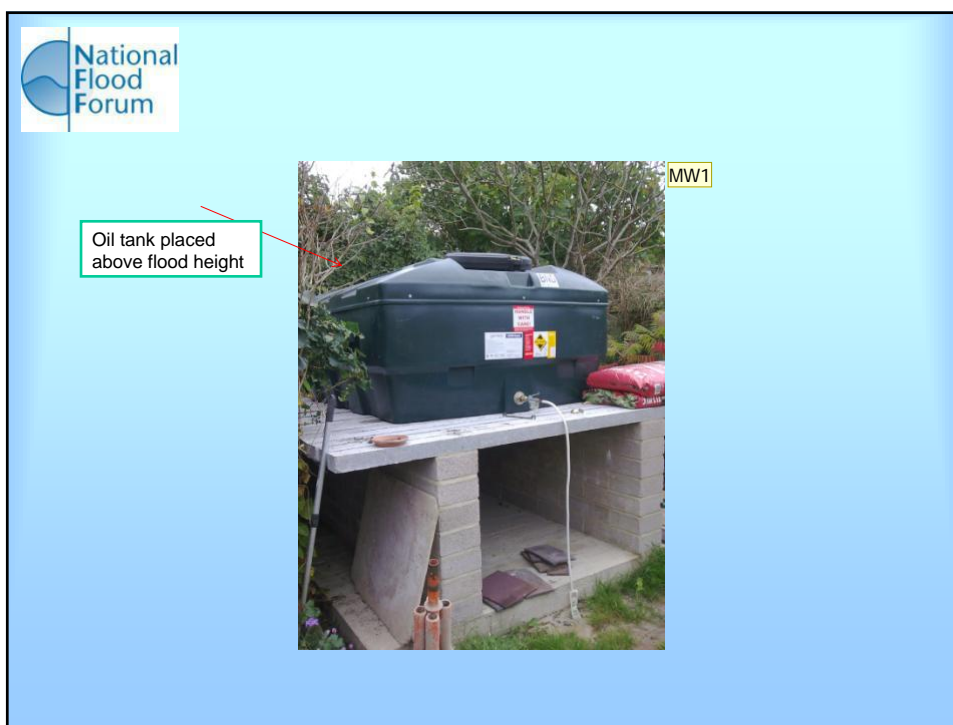
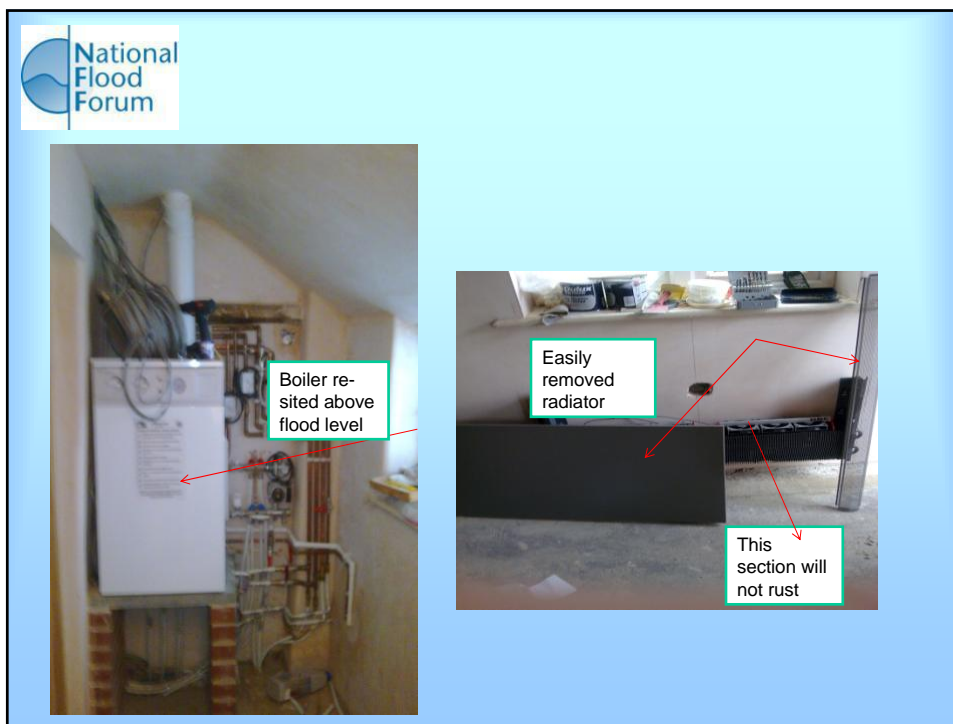








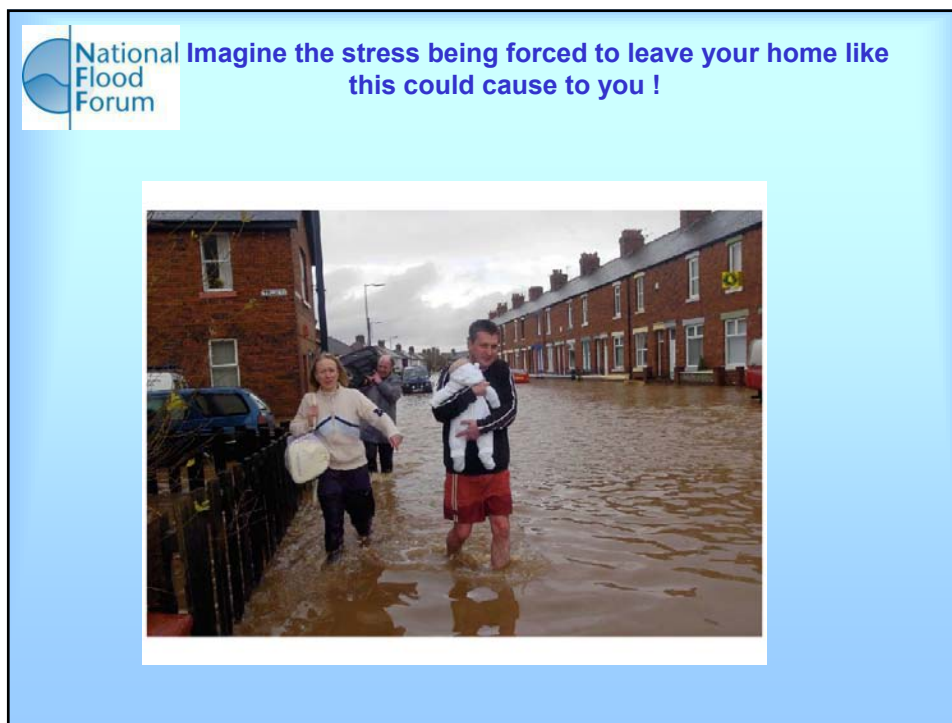
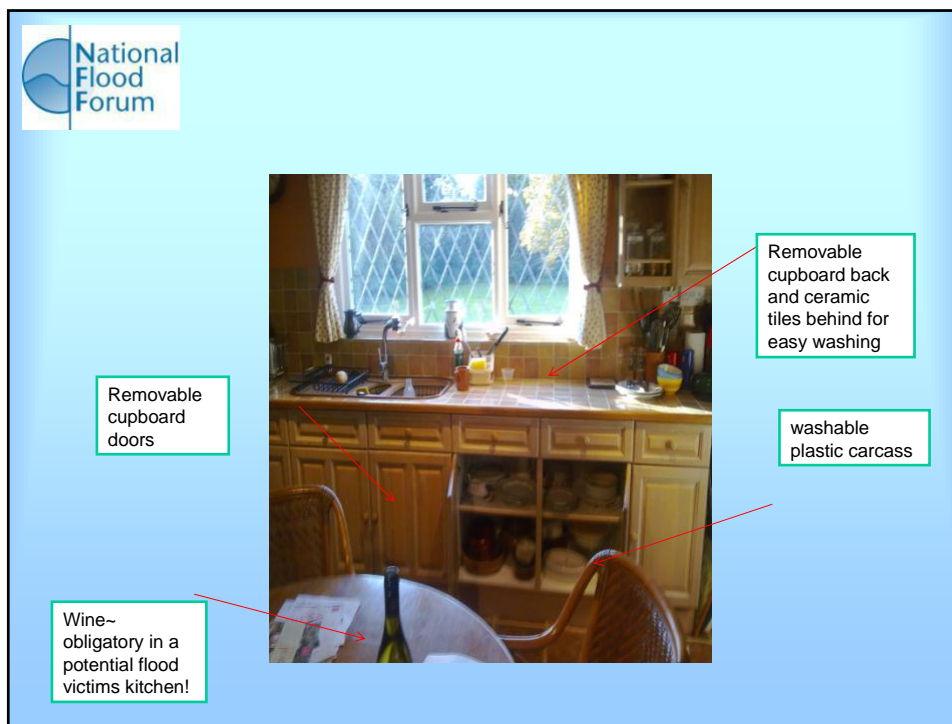













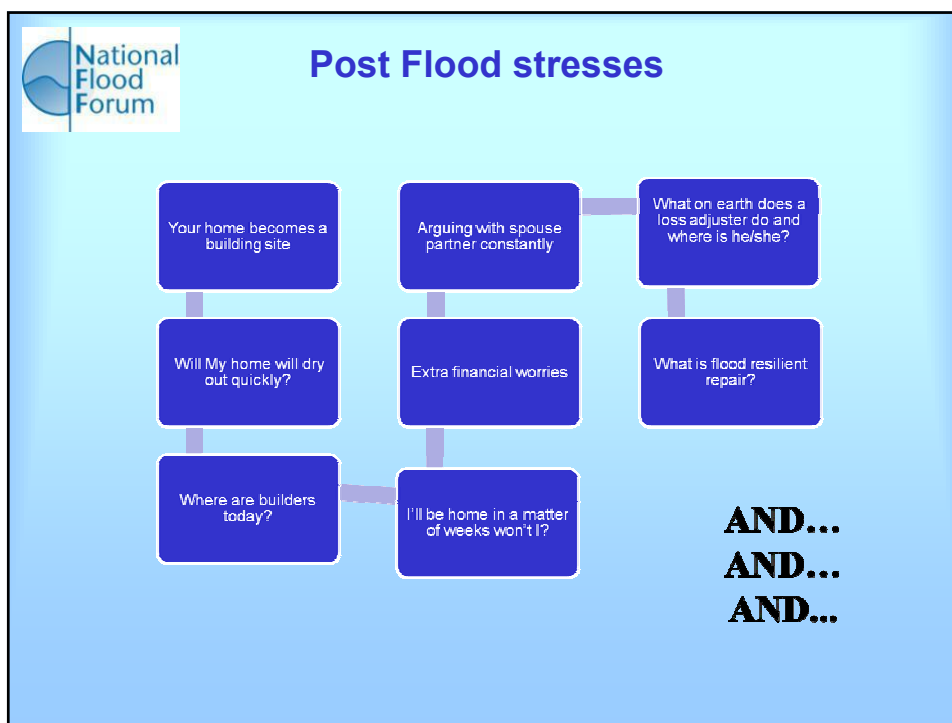


 **Would you like to live in here for a year or more?**



 **What do we look on as lives top most stressful events?**

Spouses death?	Divorce?
Injury or illness?	Redundancy or money problems?
Retirement?	



 **Flood victims wish list**

- **One of the most regular complaints we get is that people are frustrated by being pushed from pillar to post when they are flooded. “ I don’t want to have to make 17 phone calls just to find out who can help me!”**







- What we need is consistency of approach across the country.
- No conflicting advice.
- A 'one stop shop' in time of flood.
- Information readily available from one source.
- Trained staff able to support traumatised people. We need an end to the (as I was told) " Well what do you expect if you live in \*\*\*\* of course you'll flood" mentality!



## Preparedness is the order of the day





- **Raise awareness**
- **Work with the community at risk~ not exclusively with external bodies who manage their risk. You need to get community ownership**
- **Community plans**
- **Family flood plans. Where will the hamster and granny go if a flood happens?**



**The National Flood Forum**

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