



FLOODS TURN TO FIRE

In Cumbria on Thursday evening a fire broke out at the local store Morrison. In Cumbria they have had floods now fire what else will they have?

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On Thursday 3rd of December a fire broke out in Morrison. It took 50 fire fighters to put the blaze out and took all night to put out. It took hours just to get the blaze under control.

The fire fighters had to stay outside to put the fire out because they had to think of their safety. If they went in the roof might have collapsed and they didn't want to take the risk.

Bob Nixon from Cumbria said the store was very busy with Christmas shoppers. He also said when the alarm was raised it took a lot of time to get everyone out.

Luckily there has been no reported injuries." At the moment the devastation was quite bad. The damage to the store is expensive." said Mr Nixon.

In Cumbria there has lately just been a flood on the 23rd of November. When there was floods children were stopped from going to school. Everyone was evacuated from their homes.

The flood was only a month ago and now another catastrophe has happened. Its leading up to Christmas and in these last few months it hasn't been a great lead up. Some peoples homes have been destroyed the fire isn't as bad as the flood but is still very bad.

Now there will be no where for the local shoppers to shop at the moment. Lots of people will now have to travel to other places to get their Christmas shopping. For some this will be very hard to do. In Cumbria Christmas wont be so happy.



CARL FALLOWFIELD

Fire fighters said the evacuation procedure worked exceptionally well." It proved very difficult to gain access, and our priority was to stop it spreading and protect the building as much as possible Store manager Jackie Mills said her priority was now turned to the supermarkets staff. Homes nearby that were affected by the gas was taken to Penrith Leisure, it was used as an emergency shelter. Residents across the town were advised to stay indoors seeing as the smoke will spread

smoke will spread through the town. Jackie Mills said "for now we are setting up a base at the Players Theatre, any staff who can be there please do then we can talk about the future."

Ms Mills has confirmed the staff will still be paid and be provided with jobs in Morrison at Carlisle and Kendal until the Penrith stores future has been established.

Ms Mills added "A big thank you to all the fire fighters who did an absolutely incredible job yesterday controlling the blaze.

They've saved at least half the store and it was all thanks to their bravery and hard work.

Carl Fallowfield who lives nearby said "I would say the flames were about 15ft high, licking up over the roof area and all around the sign on the front of the store, with thick black smoke bellowing out." A structural assessment of the building and a detailed investigation into the cause of the fire is under way.