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Pro-Fix turns houses into homes

FOLLOWING the deluge of rain on Saturday, September 6, 2008 not only were hundreds of homes flooded in Morpeth but properties in the Derwent Valley were also devastated by floodwaters coming from the River Derwent rising to levels never seen before.

In particular two luxury bungalows both on the banks of the river were severely affected. Each house had up to 4ft of river water running through it at the highest point.

After hours of unsuccessful attempts to stop the river water from flooding in, the owners spent that evening with family leaving their homes to the elements. They returned on the Sunday morning to find their homes and properties devastated.

Having previously carried out works to both properties in the past, Pro-Fix was known to both owners of these bungalows. We received a call on the Monday morning with an urgent request to attend these properties. We arrived on site to assess the damage which was very extensive to say the least. After a brief meeting with the insurers we set about the task at hand; cleaning out and stripping back both the buildings to bare walls and floors; quite simply gutting to ceiling height as everything had to go due to the contaminated river water.

Following the strip out works both houses were left standing from October through to the end of December allowing the walls and floor slab to dry out with the aid of special heaters and dryers. During the drying out process the insurers put the reinstatement works out to tender which we won competitively for both houses.

Building works started in early January. All the floor joists were renewed with additional insulation added to improve the thermal values; all underfloor pipe-work was checked as were all the



HEARTBREAKING – Families of the two homes were left devastated after floodwater hit their properties

electrical circuits before a complete new floor was laid on the joists; new windows and French doors fitted, leaving the first fix joinery to complete the first part of works.

The next stage was plastering and rendering; every wall in both

properties were done and all block walls rendered. Following drying out all the second fix joinery took place with new woodwork throughout, new kitchens, bathroom suites and wardrobes were all installed with the ceramic tiling happening at the same time to



Before

DEVASTATION – The extent of the damage to the bungalows in the Derwent Valley is plain to see after they were swamped by rising floodwater



After

HOME SWEET HOME – Back to normal after the Pro-Fix team set about restoring the bungalows to their former glory

all the wet areas. Finally both properties were fully decorated to the clients' choice from top to bottom before a sparkle cleaning and hand over.

The reinstatement works were completed within budget and ahead of schedule by a full week on both properties. This was down to the management, supervision and planning of Jimmy Maughan from Pro-Fix. Both the home owners' and Profix would like to extend their thanks to Jimmy and his team for such a dedicated effort leaving a first class finish to both properties.

Pro-Fix are also working on

flood-damaged properties at Morpeth in various houses within the town.

Pro-Fix sets standards which are very high and is currently working throughout a number of home improvement schemes across the region from window replacements through to house building. Our customer services are detailed more on our web site www.profixinstallations.com; please take a moment to view what we have to offer.

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