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Tom Martin and Nathan Smith Plymouth Brethren Rapid Response Team The Polden Gospel Hall Trust c/o 23 Killams Green TAUNTON TA1 3YQ

Dear Tom and Nathan

I write on behalf of the Somerset Local Authorities' Civil Contingencies Partnership to thank you for the superb contribution made by the Plymouth Brethren in the recent flooding. I know that many organisations have benefitted from your willingness to get involved. I am also aware that your teams turned out in all weathers, often in the dark, helping flooded communities to be protected from the rising waters. You also provided much needed refreshments to responders, and I can only imagine how much this was appreciated.

In many ways you carried out some of the more challenging tasks on the 'front line' of the response and sometimes at short notice. You were always willing to provide a service in the most extreme conditions, so please accept this letter of thanks and we will recognise the magnificent voluntary agencies contribution in a more formal way as soon as possible.

I know how much your team is valued within the Somerset Emergency Voluntary Agencies Group for their professional and committed service to the people of Somerset.

Yours sincerely

Patrick Flaherty

Acting Chief Executive