

# Preston and South Ribble Flood Risk Management Scheme

## FLOOD HISTORY - Significant Historical River (fluvial) Flood Events in Preston and South Ribble

There is a long history of flooding in Preston and South Ribble. The area is at risk of flooding from either the sea or the rivers Ribble and Darwen, or a combination of both.

We have reports of flooding from the 1700s and some records on the extent of flooding from the mid-1800s, however until very recently there has been limited information about the number of properties affected. We know that during Storm Desmond in 2015 over 200 homes and businesses were flooded.

The existing Preston and South Ribble flood defences were built between the 1920s and the 1990s. These defences are now reaching the end of their design life and need to be replaced. Additionally, some locations require new flood defences. This will be achieved through the Preston and South Ribble Flood Risk Management Scheme.

