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### NEWS

New taskforce launched to turbocharge flood preparedness and delivery of flood defences

The Met Office storm names for 2024/25 have been announced

<u>Toys found in sewers after being lost down</u> <u>the loo</u>

Holden Wetland: a thriving space for wildlife and water

<u>River reconnected to flood-plain to boost</u> <u>habitats</u>

Looking back on a storm-laden season

First Sustainable Farming Incentive agreements live for 2024

The Environment Agency have published a new main river riparian landowners guide

Unpave the Way at RHS Tatton

### NEW CONTENT ADDED TO THE FLOOD HUB

- Landowner Toolkit
- <u>GCSE Storm Babet Case Study</u>
- <u>Environment Agency Your Watercourse:</u> <u>rights and roles</u>
- 2023-24 Storm Season Top Trumps

### FUTURE FLOOD HUB CAMPAIGNS

#### October:

Flood Aware: Plan and Prepare Focus Week

#### November:

Community Focus Week

#### December:

Christmas Key Messages

# You can follow these campaigns on our social media channels <u>X</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u>.

As well as focus weeks, we also post daily flood related content on our social media channels to help raise awareness of the topic of flooding and top tips on how to plan and prepare for a potential flood event.

#### Are you at risk of flooding?

Visit **www.thefloodhub.co.uk/am-I-at-risk** or scan the QR code to check whether you're at risk and to find out more about:

- Flood Risk Maps
- Flood warnings and triggers
- Types of flooding and who's responsible
- Quick actions to take if flooding is expected



### **FLOOD SCHEME UPDATES** PROPOSED FLOOD SCHEMES

These schemes are currently still in the appraisal stage meaning funding has not been secured. There is therefore no guarantee that they will secure funding and progress to a completed flood scheme.



#### CALDEW, CARLISLE

#### HAZEL GROVE AND HAMBLETON



#### SANKEY BROOK



WHALLEY

AN ADDARS



COCKERMOUTH





**RIVER IRWELL AT KEARSLEY** 





### **IN PROGRESS FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME (FRMS) UPDATES**



PADIHAM



#### **ROCHDALE AND** LITTLEBOROUGH



#### **CARLISLE PHASE 1B**



#### PENKETH AND WHITTLE



#### UPPER KENT



#### **CARLISLE PHASE 2**



#### **PRESTON AND** SOUTH RIBBLE



**KENDAL** 



#### **RADCLIFFE AND REDVALES**



## **FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME (FRMS) UPDATES**

- Kendal FRMS: Gooseholme Common Weekly Update September •
- Kendal FRMS: New Road Preparing for Construction September
- Rochdale and Littleborough FRMS: Design and Benefits Guide September
- <u>Kendal FRMS: Parish Church and Halls Completion Update</u> September
- Kendal FRMS: Waterside Construction Update August
- Kendal FRMS: Gooseholme Common Weekly Update August
- Rochdale and Littleborough Phase 1b FRMS: Gale East Newsletter August
- Rochdale and Littleborough Phase 1b FRMS: Saturday Working Requirement August
- Rochdale and Littleborough Phase 1b FRMS: Newsletter August
- Kendal FRMS: Design and Benefits Guide August
- Appleby FRMS: Residents Letter August •
- <u>Upper Kent FRMS: Upstream Measures Update</u> August
- Kendal FRMS: Stock Beck Rehabilitation Update July
- Kendal FRMS: Gooseholme Common Weekly Update July •
- Kendal FRMS: Waterside Construction Update July
- Kendal FRMS: Waterside Pilling Update July
- Kendal FRMS: Catchment Plan July ٠
- Kendal FRMS: Key Facts Document July •
- Upper Kent FRMS: Habitat Surveys and Environmental Assessments July
- Fleetwood FRMS: July Newsletter July
- Rochdale and Littleborough Phase 2 FRMS: July Newsletter July
- Rochdale and Littleborough Phase 1b FRMS: Grove Lodge Ground Investigations July
- Rochdale and Littleborough Phase 1b FRMS: Ealees Brook Ground Investigations July
- Kendal FRMS: Stock Beck Geotech findings July
- Kendal FRMS: Stock Beck Non-technical summary 'What is a catchment drain?' July
- Rochdale and Littleborough Phase 1b FRMS: Pilling Update July

For information and downloads on the flood risk management schemes in the North West, please click here.

# 2023-24 STORM SEASON TOP TRUMPS

Following a record breaking number of storms in the previous storm season, our new 'Top Trump' style



flashcards feature a run through of all 12 storms which affected the UK through 2023-24. The flashcards reveal official wind speed

and rainfall statistics for each storm, along with identifying the worst hit locations, and the impacts these areas faced.

To view the 2023-24 storms resource, please click here.

### **GCSE STORM BABET CASE STUDY**

The new GCSE learning package features a PowerPoint lesson, teachers notes and . Storm Babet. Use the Storm Babet case study to exc worksheets.



The case study investigates the cause of Storm Babet and its social, economic and environmental impacts. It also examines the strategies which were implemented to mitigate the risks and impacts, whilst creating discussions about the changing extreme weather in the UK.

To view the case study, please click here.

# **ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

During July, August and September the Flood Team have been supporting residents across the North West with a range of issues including internal flooding to homes, flood risk and property flood resilience (PFR). The team have attended 13 partnership meetings including multi-agency projects and partnership working opportunities. They have supported a flood group in Chester and are helping residents with the formation of a new flood group in West Derby. The team has also been supporting a Parish Council in St Helens with their community drop-in event, and have also supported an Environment Agency (EA) drop-in event at Prestolee, both of which offered an opportunity to support residents at flood risk and provide guidance on flood resilience. The team also supported a partnership engagement event for the Alt NFM Catchment project at Croxteth Park in Liverpool. The team are also continuing to support the Lancashire Local Resilience Forum Community Resilience sub group.











Did you know the Newground Flood Team can provide support to individuals, businesses and communities at risk of flooding?

To find out more about the work the Newground Flood Team do, visit the website here: <u>www.thefloodhub.co.uk/about-newground</u>

Email: **hello@thefloodhub.co.uk** 

### FEATURED BLOG

#### Bow Waves and Flooding: How driving through floodwater can flood properties



Whilst most drivers are aware of the risk of driving through floodwater to themselves and their vehicle, one consequence which can cause significant damage is often overlooked: bow waves. The faster the vehicle travels through water, the larger and more intense the bow wave becomes, extending from the vehicle and crashing into businesses, properties and infrastructure. Click here to read the blog to find out more.

### **USEFUL LINKS & CONTACTS**

#### Sign up for flood warnings

- Environment Agency Floodline: 0345 988
  1188
- <u>https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings</u>

#### **Reporting flooding**

- Environment Agency Incident Hotline:
   0800 80 70 60
- United Utilities: 0345 672 3723
- Lead Local Flood Authority: This will be the District Council if it is a Unitary Authority, or the County Council. <u>Find your local council</u> <u>here</u>.

### KNOWLEDGE HUB

Our Knowledge Hub contains lots of useful flood related resources, which are freely available to download. To view all the latest additions, please <u>click here</u>.



#### Landowner Toolkit

This new toolkit contains useful tips for landowners on how to plan ahead for a flood, riparian ownership and the recovery process.

The Flood Hub website is funded by the North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee and is a joint initiative developed by the EnvironmentAgency, United Utilities, Newground, and the Cumbria, Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Cheshire Strategic Flood Partnerships.