

Quarterly Newsletter

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NEWS

<u>Drought could continue through to winter</u> <u>despite risk and rain</u>

Burning on England's deep peat banned

MP visits Littleborough Flood Scheme as construction continues

<u>Summer 2025 is the warmest on record for</u> the UK

Homes to be better protected from floods this winter as Taskforce boosts nation's resilience

The MET Office Storm Names for 2025/26 have been announced!

Network Rail and the MET Office join forces to improve performance for passengers

<u>United Utilities scores peatland goal with</u> <u>area bigger than 4,000 football pitches</u> <u>restored</u>

£5.5 million investment in Kirkham to reduce storm overflows and improve water quality in the River Ribble

New flood warning service rolled out across
Greater Manchester

<u>Cumberland Council advances flood relief</u> <u>plans for Millom</u>

<u>United Utilities set to create 30m deep storm</u> <u>tank to ease flooding and reduce spills</u>

England's warmest June on record and the UK's second warmest since 1884

NEW CONTENT ADDED TO THE FLOOD HUB

- Blog: From Dredging to Gravel Removal:
 How River Management Has Changed
- Blog: Storm Names 2025 / 2026
- Flood Insurance Directory Leaflet
- 2024 2025 Storm Season Top Trumps
- Making Your Home Flood Ready

FUTURE FLOOD HUB FOCUS WEEKS

October:

Flood Aware? Plan and Prepare Flood Safety

November:

Myth Busting The Flood Hub's Birthday

December:

Community Focus Week Christmas Key Messages

You can follow these on our social media channels X, Facebook, LinkedIn & Bluesky!

In addition to our focus weeks, we share daily flood-related content on our social media channels, providing tips and advice on how to plan and prepare for potential flooding.

Storm Names 2025/26

The Met Office have released the Storm Names for the 2025/26 Storm Season. The selection includes some of the most popular submissions, as well as names with a personal story behind them, like **Dave**, who was described as "my beloved husband who can snore three times louder than any storm".

<u>Click here</u> to read the news article and find out the full list of storm names.

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEMES

To view the Flood Risk Management scheme pages, click the images below.

PROPOSED FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT 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. Click on the images below to view the scheme pages:

BURROW BECK. SOUTH LANCASTER



CALDEW, CARLISLE



COCKERMOUTH



FLEETWOOD



HAMBLETON



HAZEL GROVE AND OFFERTON GREEN



HINDLEY, PLATT



SANKEY BROOK



WHALLEY AND



BILLINGTON



IN PROGRESS FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEMES

APPLEBY



CARLISLE PHASE 1B



PENKETH AND

WHITTLE







PADIHAM







PRESTON AND

SOUTH RIBBLE

RADCLIFFE AND REDVALES



ROCHDALE AND LITTLEBOROUGH



UPPER KENT



FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEMES

UPDATES

- Kendal Gooseholme Update September 2025
- Kendal Waterside Update September 2025
- Sankey Brook Pump Station Update September 2025
- Kendal Aynam Road Update September 2025
- Littleborough Community Drop-in September 2025
- Kendal Heritage People and Places, Past and Present E-Book September 2025
- Hambleton Update Summer 2025
- Kendal and Upper Kent Barley Bridge Weir Structural Survey September 2025
- Littleborough Newsletter September 2025
- Hindley, Platt Bridge and Abram Newsletter August 2025
- Kendal Aynam Road Construction Update August 2025
- Fleetwood Newlsetter August 2025
- Kendal and Upper Kent Environmental Regulations and Processes July 2025
- Appleby Update July 2025
- Radcliffe and Redvales Newsletter July 2025
- Preston and South Ribble Lime Tree FAQs July 2025

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

LOCAL AREA MAP

Explore our recently updated interactive Local Area Map to see what's happening near you. You can search by category, including Community Groups, Natural Flood Management schemes, Property Flood Resilience, Sustainable Drainage Systems, and Flood Schemes.

Click here to visit the local area map



2024 / 2025 STORM SEASON TOP TRUMPS

The Storm Season runs from the 1st September to the 31st August. The 2024 / 2025 season saw saw six named storms, from Storm Ashley through to Storm Floris. These named storms brought a variety of impacts across the country. Though the extreme weather event over New Year was not officially named, we have included it in our storm season recap due to the significant disruption and damage it caused across the North West of England.

These flashcards are the fifth addition to our UK Storm Recap Top Trumps resource which starts with the 2020 / 2021 season.



To explore the 2024 /2025 Storm Season Top Trumps, <u>click here.</u>
To view all our Storm Recap resources, <u>click here.</u>

ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

July through to September has been a busy quarter for the team, who have been attending multi-agency events, responding to enquiries, and supporting partners, residents and flood groups across the region. Supporting the Environment Agency and other agencies, the team attended Flood Drop-In events in Platt Bridge and Hindley in Wigan, and Crowton in Northwich. Crowton Community Drop-In session featured discussions with flooded residents about flood recovery, insurance, and property flood resilience (PFR). Following this event, the team attended a property visit to a freehold apartment building in the village to support and advise on progressing PFR works to the building and sourcing appropriate flood insurance cover. The team have been continuing to offer support to the resident committee members at Meadow Mill, Stockport who are developing a community flood response plan, home flood planning guidance and providing advice for residents. The team also attended a flood group meeting at Deysbrook in West Derby, where the Flood Group received an update from United Utilities regarding the distribution and uptake of water butts throughout the community.



INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED/SUPPORTED



PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS ATTENDED



DIRECT ENQUIRIES TO THE FLOOD HUB



COMMUNITY DROP-IN EVENTS **ATTENDED**



FLOOD GROUPS ENGAGED/SUPPORTED ENGAGED/SUPPORTED



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:

www.thefloodhub.co.uk/about-newground

Email: hello@thefloodhub.co.uk

NEWS. EVENTS & BLOGS

Our news page features a collection of news articles from sources like the Met Office, GOV.UK, United Utilities, Local Authorities and more. You can scroll through our events to find local flood drop-in sessions, conferences or volunteering events hosted by The Wildlife Trusts and River Trusts across the North West, or find an interesting blog written by ourselves on a variety of topics from winter readiness to household flood insurance. Click here to visit the page.

USEFUL LINKS & CONTACTS

SIGN UP FOR FLOOD WARNINGS

- Environment Agency Floodline: 0345 988 1188
- Click here to sign up for flood warnings.

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. Find your local council here.

AUTUMN LEAVES

It is important to be aware that falling leaves increases the risk of surface water drains becoming blocked, which increases the likelihood of surface water flooding during

heavy rain. If you spot any leaves blocking a drain, use your foot to scrape the leaves out of the way, only if safe to do so. If everyone takes a little time to clear leaves, it will greatly help your local area during heavy rain. Download the resource here.

