

Radcliffe & Redvales Flood Risk Management Scheme

Stanney Brook Natural Flood Management

January 2026

Project works starting soon along Stanney Brook

The Environment Agency (EA) has supplemented the wider Radcliffe and Redvales Flood Risk Management Scheme (FRMS) through Natural Flood Management (NFM) in the Irwell, Roch and Croal catchments. This is known to have wider benefits than just flood risk, including environmental enhancement, future-proofing against climate change impacts and being a more sustainable option.

The final area of NFM to complete for the Radcliffe and Redvales project is planned along Stanney Brook, south-east of Rochdale. Our works will involve living 'leaky' dams, clay bunds, scrapes and other earthworks which will work by slowing down flow and increasing flood storage area along the Brook, prior to it joining the Roch. In one area of the works, the brook will be realigned to a natural meandering channel, which also serves to slow flow and will have environmental benefits compared to its existing engineered straight course. In total, at least 7,500 m³ of additional flood storage will be provided.

A contractor has been appointed from the EA's approved framework suppliers: Ground Control Ltd. Works are due to start in February 2026 and are expected to be ongoing until August. Ground Control's team of operatives will go between Areas 1, 2 & 3 in a sequence of working during this time, starting with vegetation clearance and soil sampling, then completing earthworks later in the spring, when drier weather would be anticipated. The intended accesses and compound locations are shown below, off Michael Faraday Avenue and from Turbary Walk. Ground Control will endeavour to mitigate disturbance and manage any specific issues with residents locally, where possible to do so.

We are very grateful for residents' cooperation; thank you for your patience whilst these works are undertaken. They are intended to benefit Rochdale communities at risk of flooding, by enhancing storage in the floodplain and improving resilience to climate change. Full details of the planned works are included below.

How will we keep you updated and involve you

We will use newsletters and letter drops in order to share information about the Stanney Brook NFM works with residents. Please email FloodResilienceGMMC@environment-agency.gov.uk if you have any queries or questions.

Visit the Radcliffe and Redvales FRMS Flood Hub website for further information:

<https://thefloodhub.co.uk/radcliffeandredvalesfas>

Or access the Flood Hub site via the QR code on this page

If you would like more information about flood risk, you can email:

FloodResilienceGMMC@environment-agency.gov.uk

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Stanney Brook Site Overview

