

NEWS

[What would happen if Storm Desmond hit today?](#)

[Storm Desmond: £600m spent on flood defences in 10 years](#)

[Planning application in for phase two of Preston flood scheme](#)

[10 years since Storm Abigail: a decade of named storms](#)

[Drought likely to continue into 2026 due to record dry weather](#)

[Europe's largest valve installation at Merseyside treatment works prevents against flooding](#)

[United Utilities announces £30m scheme to reduce flooding](#)

[Test for Northwich flood defences ahead of winter](#)

[Review published setting new course for mainstreaming property flood resilience](#)

[Protect your home this Flood Action Week: five hardy plants to safeguard your garden](#)

[Flood Protection Restored Along the River Mersey](#)

[Deprived communities to get new flood defences faster](#)

[Protecting communities and powering renewal: Over 24,000 homes and businesses protected from floods in first year](#)

NEW CONTENT ADDED TO THE FLOOD HUB

- [Storm Desmond: 10 Years On](#)
- [Blog: Working with Nature to Manage Flood Risk](#)

COMING SOON:
KS4 RIVER LANDSCAPES EDUCATION PACKAGE

FUTURE FLOOD HUB FOCUS WEEKS

January: Myth Busting

Challenging common flooding myths and sharing practical advice to help protect homes and property.

February: Managing Flood Risk - Who's Involved

Exploring the roles and responsibilities, the various stakeholders involved in flood risk management and the role that they undertake in managing flood risk.

You can follow these campaigns on our social media channels [X](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

We're also now on [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.

EXPLORE OUR BLOGS

With over 40 blogs and new posts added regularly, The Flood Hub People provide practical advice on flood risk, property and household preparedness, community flood groups, and even the impacts of flooding on mental health.

FROM DREDGING TO GRAVEL REMOVAL: HOW RIVER MANAGEMENT HAS CHANGED

For decades, dredging was the go-to solution for flooding, but it proved costly, environmentally damaging, and often ineffective. Today, UK flood management uses sustainable, catchment-based approaches. Natural Flood Management, SuDS and upstream storage slow water, reduce flood risk and support biodiversity. Where intervention is needed, targeted gravel removal replaces large-scale dredging, managing local risks while protecting ecosystems.

[Click here](#) to read more.

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



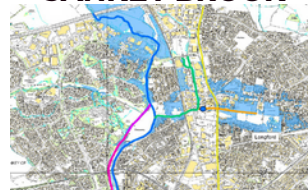
**HAZEL GROVE AND
OFFERTON GREEN**



HINDLEY



SANKEY BROOK



**WHALLEY AND
BILLINGTON**



IN PROGRESS FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEMES

APPLEBY



CARLISLE PHASE 1B



CARLISLE PHASE 2



KENDAL



PADIHAM



**PENKETH AND
WHITTLE**



**PRESTON AND
SOUTH RIBBLE**



**RADCLIFFE AND
REDVALES**



**ROCHDALE AND
LITTLEBOROUGH**



UPPER KENT



FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEMES

UPDATES

- [Kendal Gooseholme Weekly Update](#) - November 2025
- [Kendal Waterside Update](#) - November 2025
- [Kendal Aynam Road Update](#) - October 2025

For information and downloads on the flood risk management schemes in the North West, please [click here](#).

AM I AT RISK?

With 6.3 million properties in England at risk of flooding from rivers, the sea, or surface water and many more susceptible to multiple sources, understanding flood risk is essential.

Our Am I at Risk? page explores:

- Local flood risk maps
- An overview of different types of flooding
- Information on flood warning triggers and sign-up options
- Guidance on actions to take if flooding is expected

[Click here to visit our 'Am I At Risk?' page.](#)

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 [click here](#).

RIPARIAN OWNER TOOLKIT

Our Riparian Owner Toolkit includes clear guidance on riparian ownership, your roles and responsibilities, practical resources, and supporting blogs, all free to download.



ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Throughout Q3, the team have been busy providing support and guidance to partners and residents via email and telephone support following enquiries received into The Flood Hub mailbox. Team members attended The North West Regional Flood & Coastal Committee Land Management Conference in Kendal, supporting agencies and partners, and the Flood Action Week conference at Lancaster University attended by John Curtain and Peter Bonfield.



67
INDIVIDUALS
ENGAGED/SUPPORTED



6
PARTNERSHIP
MEETINGS
ATTENDED



28
DIRECT ENQUIRIES TO
THE FLOOD HUB



3
COMMUNITY
DROP-IN EVENTS
ATTENDED



2
FLOOD GROUPS
ENGAGED/SUPPORTED



2
ELECTED MEMBERS
ENGAGED/SUPPORTED

Did you know The Flood Hub People Team can provide support to individuals, businesses and communities at risk of flooding? To find out more about the work the Flood Team do, visit the website here: <https://thefloodhub.co.uk/about-the-flood-hub-people/>
Email: hello@thefloodhub.co.uk

USEFUL LINKS & CONTACTS

- Sign up for flood warnings: Environment Agency Floodline – **0345 988 1188** or [sign up online here](#)
- Report flooding: Environment Agency Incident Hotline – **0800 80 70 60**
- Water and sewer flooding: United Utilities – **0345 672 3723**
- Lead Local Flood Authority (county or unitary council) - [Find your local council here](#)

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