

Yorkshire & Humber Climate Change Adaptation Study

Recent Weather Events - Further Details on: Flood, Storms and Lightning

November 1st 2000

- Severe flood warnings were issued to North Yorkshire
- York hit by one of the worst floods in 100 years
- Soldiers were on standby to issue sandbags throughout day as River Ouse peaked at just over 5m. The water was expected to remain high over the next few days.
- 170 city centre businesses had been at risk with restaurants and pubs the worst off.
- Floodwaters flooded the Palace of Archbishop of York.
- An Army Snowcat vehicle was needed to ferry children from Fulford St Oswalds Primary School to classes.
- One of country's largest fire engines had to be brought out of the Yorkshire Air Museum to aid residents in the Clifton area.

November 2nd 2000

- Roads across region became impassable as 40mm of rain fell during afternoon
- The A1 was closed in both directions at Catterick, North Yorkshire.
- Heavy rain put dozens of families at risk
- These flood events that were once considered a rare occurrence were expected to take place a lot more in coming years.
- The North Yorkshire area was at greatest risk with 3 severe flood warnings and 59 first level warnings.
- York flood control centre used every emergency measure at its disposal to try and stave off any serious threats to homes in the Leeman Road area.
- The River Ouse peaked at 16 feet above normal, the third highest record in 100 years.
- GNER trains were stopped at York because of floods in Skelton.
- Residents of Naburn, North Yorkshire, were left marooned when power supplies were cut off, forcing residents to take refuge in the village hall.
- The village of Cawood had to be completely evacuated and temporary accommodation was set up for them in Selby.
- The River Ouse swelled to a mile wide.
- Floods were on the same scale as the March floods 53 years ago when 700,000 acres of land was submerged.

November 4th 2000

- 6,000 people were warned to leave their homes in York
- 3,000 homes were cleared with many residents having to be taken to makeshift evacuation centres.
- Parts of the £8M flood defences in York were breached as the River Ouse was swollen by torrential rain that fell over North Yorkshire on Thursday.
- Leeman Road, North Street and Armoury Terrace were the worst affected.
- Sandbags were used to shore up flood walls to try and prevent the streets from flooding.
- Millions of gallons of murky water threatened to swamp York's residential areas.
- The River Ouse rose to 17 feet above normal levels.
- Rescue crews made up of the police, soldiers and fire fighters were needed.
- Emergency rescue centres were set up in the Archbishop Hallgate School and the city's technical college.
- Waters threatened to rise another 9 inches.
- All but the most essential bus services were cancelled.
- The Environment Agency predicted that the River Ouse was expected to rise 17 feet 5 inches above normal, the highest level in over 100 years.

November 10th 2000

- Farmers in Yorkshire have been struggling to deal with floods and the constant wet weather.
- Potato and sugar beet crops were suffering from being stuck under several feet of flood water.
- Wheat and barley crops were also extremely behind schedule during October because of all the wet weather.

June 22nd 2001

- A freak ice storm hit the village of Kirkby Fleetham in Northallerton and lasted half an hour.
- Roads and homes quickly flooded, manhole covers were dislodged and flowers and trees were decimated.
- An inch of rain fell in 20 minutes
- The drains could not cope with sheer volume of water that fell in such a short time.

August 24th 2001

- The swimming pool in Richmond had to be evacuated after a torrent of rainwater came through the roof.
- A deluge created a waterfall that poured into the pool and catering areas.
- The power had to be switched off and the pool had to be evacuated.

February 27th 2002

- Flood warnings were placed on the River Swale down to Catterick village, the River Ouse and the River Derwent.
- 3 road accidents took place in York because of the weather.

June 16th 2002

- Dirty water from a flooded car park at the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton, North Yorkshire flooded the children's ward.
- Emergency crews were needed at numerous different scenes across North Yorkshire mainly to deal with blocked roads.

June 16th 2002

- North Yorkshire was hit by thunder storms and flash floods that lasted for about an hour.
- Numerous roads were blocked by standing water.
- Fire crews were flat out dealing with emergency calls and in North Yorkshire crews were mainly called to assist with blocked roads.
- Worst hit area was Skipton.

July 31st 2002

- Freak thunderstorms, torrential rain and flash floods occurred across North Yorkshire.
- Homes were left without power, hospital patients were evacuated and trains were delayed.
- The storm overwhelmed the drainage system as thousands of gallons of water flooded into the rivers and streams in minutes.
- Flood watches issued to Swaledale, Wensleydale and the Vale of York.
- Standing water between Darlington and York caused problems with train services.

August 2nd 2002

- Electric storms and torrential rain brought flash floods and power failures to North Yorkshire.
- The children's ward of the Friarage hospital in Northallerton was evacuated for a second time in 2 months because of flooding that caused 2 inches of water to be standing in the ward.
- Northallerton was among the areas hardest hit by flooding. Northallerton had flooded completely 2 years prior and complaints had been issued to the Hambleton District and North

Yorkshire County Councils about the inadequacy of the Victorian drains but nothing was done.

- Hambleton District Council flood line dealt with 35 calls on Tuesday and then a further 84.
- 1200 sandbags were distributed and advice was given on road closures.
- Trains between Darlington and York delayed due to standing water on the railway lines.

August 3rd 2002

- North Yorkshire suffered the worst flooding and dozens of homes had to be evacuated.
- Pickering was issued with a severe flood warning when the town beck peaked at 1.2m above normal levels.
- Sinnington had a rise in water of 3 feet around houses and residents were forced to bale out flood water and pile up sandbags to prevent further damage.
- The local bus to Scarborough had to be pulled to safety by a tractor after getting stuck in Pickering town centre.
- 60 people were temporarily housed at Lady Lumleys School in Pickering after a campsite flooded.
- 100 holidaymakers had to be rescued via lifeboat when a caravan park flooded.
- Rest centre were set up for people evacuated at Thirsk where Cod Beck was threatening to burst its banks.
- Problems also at Water End, Brompton, near Northallerton.
- The A19 was closed.
- The A171 Whitby to Guisborough was barely passable
- Train routes were affected by bad weather, including the East Coast Mainline.
- The Leeds-Harrogate-York service closed for 5 hours

August 5th 2002

- Severe flood warnings that were placed on the River Ure at Boroughbridge and Pickering Beck in Pickering were lifted on Saturday
- The number of flood warnings was reduced from 34 to 17

November 18th 2002

- Roads across Sheffield were submerged under 2 feet of water
- Hundreds of homes in Sheffield also suffered power cuts at one point
- Warnings were issued for all the rivers around South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire following fears there could be general flooding from all rivers and streams. The Rivers Don, Dearne Rother and Sheaf were of particular concern
- River levels were currently extremely high and further rainfall would cause flooding
- The warnings in West Yorkshire and North Yorkshire were lifted
- Flood warnings on the River Ouse in York city centre was also lifted
- Many minor roads in Sheffield had been turned into rivers with the worst affected areas being Sheaf Street, Penistone Road, Abbeydale Road and Burngreave
- Buses in Sheffield had stopped running completely
- Police warned drivers to be careful where standing water was concerned.
- Fog and mist added to the flood problems
- It had also rained heavily for several hours in South Yorkshire
- In certain areas in Sheffield, including Burngreave, the water rose to a depth of several inches

December 30th 2002

- In 12 hours an inch of rain had fallen in Leeds
- 18 flood warnings were placed across Yorkshire
- Kirkstall Road in Leeds, areas around the River Ouse in York and the River Calder in Mirfield and Allerton in Bradford were all pinpointed as potential trouble spots
- Otley, Garforth and Beeston were amongst the areas all affected
- Waste drains burst in Southleigh Road

- In Beeston an overflowing beck put pressure on the underground system and forced several manhole covers to shoot off
- A home in Ariel View, Micklefield, East Leeds suffered flooding when water draining from a field began pouring under the house's foundations
- The Cross Pipes pub in Westgate, Otley also suffered minor flood damage after its cellar began to flood
- Fire fighters battled for 4 hours last night to stop water from a flooded ditch spreading to a house on Thorpe Lane, Thorpe Audlin
- Gardens in Rookwood estate in Gipton, Leeds also flooded
- 98 flood warnings were placed throughout the UK
- Areas affected in Yorkshire were: the River Aire at Kirkstall Road, Leeds and Allerton Ings, Bradford, the River Calder in Dewsbury, Mirfield, Mytholmroyd, Horbury and Wakefield, the River Derwent at Norton in North Yorkshire, the River Don at Long Sandal and the River Ouse in York and Naburn

December 31st2002

- Rivers in Yorkshire were put on alert when rivers struggled to cope with an inch of water that fell in 24 hours
- Flood warnings were placed on the Rivers Ouse, Aire, Hull, Don, Derwent and Calder
- Rail services were disrupted and some roads were submerged
- The Environment Agency said that flood warnings that were given were issued 4 or 5 times each winter in Yorkshire
- No severe flood warnings were currently in place (warnings were peoples homes and lives were at risk)
- Warnings on the River Ouse at York City Centre and Naburn Lock. Warnings also on the River Derwent at Malton and Norton putting the towns £6m flood defences to the test for the first time
- Rail services on the East Coast Main Line were delayed because of flooding in Northallerton
- Standing water on many roads in North Yorkshire
- York council had to close Elvington High Street to traffic after Elvington Beck burst its banks
- Barnsdale Road between Castleford and Leeds was temporarily closed when the River Aire spilled over
- Dullest December since 1989

February 9th 2003

- Storms and violent seas damaged sections of Scarborough's Marine Drive where work was going on to install the resort's new £33M sea defences
- The heavy seas breached the new "accropode" and rock armour protection and destroyed the fencing that separated the construction area from the public and traffic. Even some stretches of the area that did have rock armour and accropode protection had the sea crashing over on to the path and the road.
- 3 stretches of railings which were unprotected were ripped up and would be replaced by new 3 feet high wave return walls
- Damage didn't put residents at risk as the Drive was closed to the public

February 12th 2003

- Ongoing debate about whether a 3 feet high wall should be built along the sea front road to reduce impact of waves
- The Marine Drive was shut for almost a week after waves topped concrete sea defences and rock armour, damaged a compound area and knocked over fences and barriers that had been used to keep pedestrians and traffic away from construction.
- All indications are that global warming will cause sea levels to rise and the force of the waves would increase. This means that the defence scheme would have to be designed to deal with heavier seas than the current ones.
- The existing sea wall had been taken down over 100 yards below the rock armour so it wasn't a surprise the sea was coming through

June 2nd 2003

- Lightning struck a house and outhouse of Seniors Cottage in Main Street, Sutton-on-the-Forest, near York.
- The strike went directly through the ceiling of the house and made a hole, which had to be covered with tarpaulin.
- The lightning blew out the house's electricity supply blowing the fuses for the upstairs lighting and power supply and melting the felt under the roof tiles

June 18th 2003

- Thousands of homes were left without power in Yorkshire because of thunderstorms.
- Trains on the East Coast Main Line were brought to a halt for 2 hours because lightning stuck signals north of Darlington.
- Arriva, GNER and Virgin services were held up at York and Newcastle.

June 22nd 2003

- West and North Yorkshire bore the brunt of the summer storms.
- Storms started in Bradford, Leeds and Wakefield then moved north and died down over the North Sea
- Fire crews were called to a chemical works on Cleckton Road, Low Moor, and Bradford shortly after 7:30am to deal with a fire caused by lightning striking a vent pipe.
- In North Yorkshire, fire fighters as far away as Harrogate were sent to help out in York after the storms triggered a series of automatic alarms early in the morning.
- Fire crews called to deal with alarms in Northallerton, Huntington, Easingwold, Tadcaster, Malton and Harrogate

August 11th 2003

- The Humber coastguard was swamped with calls from boats in distress due to extreme thunderstorms and winds of 70mph.
- The A1 and A19 through Yorkshire were brought to a standstill.
- Trees were blown down, roof tiles were ripped off and homes were flooded in a 30 minute thunderstorm.

August 12th 2003

- The North was hit by dramatic storms and flash floods while the South of England was hit by a heatwave
- Yorkshire was hit by heavy rainfall, thunder and lightning
- The lightning strike hit a police station in Newby Wiske Hall, near Northallerton. The lightning led to problems with the uninterrupted power supply at the force's control room
- 2 chimneys were struck by lightning in Skipton town centre on the Main Street forcing roads into the area to be closed and the area to be cordoned off
- Flooding occurred in Keighley due to flooding in the Highfield and North Street areas as the drains could not cope with the high volume of rain that fell in such a short period of time. Gullies have been cleared and sandbags are being used to try and prevent the water from reaching any properties
- Temperatures in Leeds though reached 23°C

April 27th 2004

- There were power cuts in North Yorkshire between York and Scarborough

April 27th 2004

- Flood warnings issued by the Environment Agency in the Vale of York, North York Moors, River Aire through West Yorkshire and in South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire.
- Lightning struck the roof of shop called Sports 4 Less in Gowhorpe. The street had to be cordoned off as fire fighters removed the shop's chimney, which was perched in a dangerous position over the top of the street. Traffic in the town centre had to be reduced to single file, causing delays.
- Torrential rain from the storm caused flash flooding in Castleford and Pontefract.
- The beck next to A645 near Pontefract Castle burst its banks, the water overwhelmed drainage systems in Straglands Lane in Ferrybridge and several cars were stranded forcing drivers to abandon their cars until the water subsided.
- The kitchen in Roundhill Junior School in Ferrybridge was flooded and needed the aid of fire crews to pump the water out.
- Minor flooding occurred in Baghill Lane in Pontefract
- The main road in Sheffield between the city centre and Meadowhall was closed because of flooding
- Power loss to some businesses in Meadowhall
- Water on tracks, disruption of train services between Sheffield and Barnsley

April 27th 2004

- Flooding in Castleford and Pontefract areas
- Swollen beck next to Pontefract Castle burst it's banks
- In Straglands Lane, Ferrybridge, water overwhelmed drain age systems
- Several vehicles were stranded in standing water on roads and drivers were forced to abandon them
- Roundhill Junior School in Ferrybridge flooded and needed fire fighters to pump the water out
- Gable end of a shop in Selby was struck by lightning and part of the town centre had to be cordoned off
- Flood warnings in the Vale of York, North York Moors and the River Aire through West Yorkshire
- More storms and prolonged rain forecasted

June 24th 2004

- Downpours hit Yorkshire and Lincolnshire
- Two cavers were trapped by flood water at Kingsdale master cave, near Ingleton, North Yorkshire.

August 10th 2004

- Parts of Yorkshire worst affected with both homes and businesses flooded.
- Fire crews were needed to go to the rescue of residents after flooding in the Leeds Road area of Harrogate.

August 10th 2004

- Large number of properties in York had suffered flooding because of the torrential rain
- Low level flood warnings placed on the River Swale at Brompton-on-Swale caravan park, rivers in Nidderdale, Wharfedale, Swaledale and Wensleydale
- Between 25-35mm of rain fell in the space of a few hours over West Yorkshire
- Homes and businesses in Knottingley, Ferrybridge and Leeds suffered flood damage
- Commuters heading out of Leeds had problems when the weather caused a gridlock on all major routes for many hours
- Flooding in Leeds pushed up a manhole cover on the inner ring road causing a section of the road to be closed
- In 10 minutes the amount of rain that fell in Westgate, in Leeds, near Leeds Magistrate Court meant it was submerged under 5 inches of water

- Severe flooding also affected Scott Hall Road in North Leeds and some homes near Kings Lane roundabout
- Hundreds of rail passengers were also delayed by floods affecting a number of key lines in Yorkshire
- Trains on the York-Harrogate-Leeds line were delayed for 40 minutes because of water on the track at Pannal
- Trains were also delayed at Thackley and Bradford

August 10th 2004

- Experts blamed Yorkshire's flooding and storms on the remnants of Hurricane Alex, which took place in the US
- 40mm of rainfall fell in some parts of West Yorkshire
- Further delays on Leeds Inner Ring Road with queues from Armley gyratory to Clay Pit Lane
- Ackworth Road in Pontefract was hit by flooding caused by subsidence at its junction with Carleton Park
- Major disruptions for motorists in Shipley and Mirfield
- Flooding at the village of Clapham in the Yorkshire Dales held up trains from West Yorkshire and Skipton heading for the Lancashire Coast
- Flood alerts for villages and towns across Nidderdale and Wharfedale
- Flood warnings put out for the whole of West Yorkshire with the River Aire and its tributaries, including the River Worth, Eller Beck and Oulton Beck, were said to be at risk of overflowing
- In Leeds centre a number of stores had to close early because of the flooding
- One man had to be rescued when his car was picked up by flood waters in the East Bound tunnel near the Armley Gyratory
- In Harrogate fire crews received 75 rain related calls in just a few hours
- Several businesses were waterlogged in Wakefield city centre

August 11th 2004

- A clothes shop on Chesterfield Road in Sheffield was submerged under 4 inches of water on the ground floor and 6 feet of water in the basement. The owner says the shop used to flood twice every year but recently it floods 6 times a year
- Chesterfield Road was one of the worst affected areas in Sheffield
- The drains designed and provided by Yorkshire Water are unable to cope with the amount of rain falling in recent years
- Chesterfield Road, Abbeydale Road, Ecclesall Road, Pond Street and Middlewood Road all had to be closed along with many key routes in Sheffield
- Roads around Meadowhall were badly hit along with Bawtry Road in Rotherham
- Doncaster and Barnsley were also affected
- Huge tailbacks and diversions caused traffic jams
- Accidents occurred in Maltby and Doncaster
- Many homes in South Sheffield and Doncaster had to be pumped
- The River Sheaf near Sheffield's Midland Rail Station was running extremely high
- South Yorkshire fire service received over 100 calls regarding affected businesses and homes

August 11th 2004

- Flooding occurred in the early morning in Sutton-in-Craven near Keighley with many homes having to be evacuated after the village Beck burst its bank and sent 2 feet of water down Holme Lane
- Craven Council had to provide sandbags to try and stem the flood
- By mid-morning the rain had stopped and the flood had subsided
- Flooding had occurred in this area 4 times in the past but never at this time of year
- Flooding also occurred in the early morning at Perseverance Mills, Leeds Road, Shipley after the Bradford Beck burst its banks
- A man was trapped in his car after trying to navigate 4 feet high waters under a railway bridge

- At Rock Inn, Holywell Green the height of water in the car park rose to 5 feet
- Flood warnings were placed on the River Calder at Brearley Fields between Luddenfoot and Mytholmroyd
- Flash flood problems occurred in the Calderway/Stainland area.

August 11th 2004

- The worst affected flood areas were the South and West of Yorkshire where about 75mm of rain fell in 24 hours
- Further 40mm of rain was forecasted overnight
- Driving conditions were hazardous and a lot of rail services were also disrupted
- 21 flood warnings across Yorkshire
- 8 flood warnings along the River Aire and 4 on the River Calder in West Yorkshire
- Hurricane Alex hit the US a week ago and as it crossed the Atlantic it picked up moisture. As the UK was the first land mass to come in contact with it, it dumped all its rain there
- Flood waters were high in Sheffield which caused a gridlock on the roads and forced a lot of drivers to abandon their cars
- Homeowners and businesses in Sheffield and Doncaster had to pump water from the downstairs rooms and cellars
- Loud hailers were used to warn businesses that the River Sheaf was running high close to Midland Station
- Shops were forced to close and put down sandbags to prevent further damage
- Crashes occurred in the Doncaster and Rotherham areas
- A handful of houses evacuated in the Sutton-in-Craven, Skipton area
- In Shipley 25 workers from Perseverance Mills had to be evacuated after the basement flooded
- In Kirklees 80mm of rain fell in 24 hours
- The A644 Leeds Road was closed in Mirfield after a bus got stuck in 3 feet deep water
- Leeds Road at Cooper Bridge, Huddersfield was also affected by 3 feet of flood waters
- The River Ouse has risen a 7 feet above normal and is due to peak at 12 feet. The council and emergency services will put the city's emergency flood plan into action when the river reaches 14 feet above normal

August 13th 2004

- In some parts of Yorkshire 60mm of rain fell in an hour
- Wall collapsed on child and elderly man in Milnsbridge in Huddersfield
- 5,000 properties, including 1,300 in Cross Gates in Leeds, had no electricity
- In 3 and a half hours West Yorkshire fire service received 500 flood related calls
- M1 near Leeds was closed in both directions from junction 45 at Stourton to junction 47 at Aberford because of standing water
- Hazardous conditions on the M62 at Ainley Top and on the A63 at Selby
- Water poured into gardens and submerged them within an hour in Fairfax View from an adjacent field where a stream burst its banks. A 5 feet high dry stone wall was washed away
- Scott Lane and Low Lane were closed and Trinity and All Saints College had to be pumped
- Train services between Leeds and Harrogate were disrupted by flooding on the Horsforth Line
- In Skelwith Walk, Cross Gates, in Leeds residents had to be evacuated as water levels downstairs rose to waist high
- More than 100 people in Dunhill Rise, Halton had to be evacuated from their homes

August 25th 2004

- Yorkshire Dales tourist industry was suffering because of torrential rains.
- The caravan campsite near Hawes in Wensleydale closed to new bookings after rain left site in quagmire
- At Brompton near Northallerton in North Yorkshire a sudden downpour caused flooding in the Church View area.

August 25th 2004

- Downpour left homes in East Yorkshire under 2 feet of water
- Beverley, Driffield and North Frodingham are the latest places to flood
- Drains struggled to cope with downpours
- Sandbags were used to keep water out of homes in the Burden Road area of Beverley
- Flooding was really bad between Beverley and Driffield

August 26th 2004

- August downpours were threatening to turn the 2004 harvest into the worst harvest for 30 years and could also effect next years harvest as well
- Farmers are already facing a 60% reduction in wheat prices and on top of that thousands of acres of grain was too damp to harvest and potatoes, oil seed rape and other crops were ruined
- Dairy farmers reporting 20% reduction in yields as the livestock's pastures were turned into quagmires
- The produce that is salvageable is of extremely poor quality
- There are also straw shortages that will also affect livestock farmers

August 28th 2004

- Flood waters rose on August 12th
- 8 houses on Wykebeck Valley Road and Foundry Lane in Gipton were hit by a mixture of flood water and raw sewage. Part of the problem was caused by rubbish and shopping trolleys that were blocking the flood drains
- Dozens of residents were forced to move into hotels or temporary accommodation
- This is the first time that flooding has occurred on Wykebeck Valley Road
- Flooding caused by Wyke Beck bursting its banks

January 12th 2005

- 80mph winds in Yorkshire
- Storm and winds caused lorry to be brought down on M62
- Pitch at Tadcaster Albions ground was underneath 2 feet of flood water

January 13th 2005

- There were two storms in three days with gale force winds of up to 80mph

January 14th 2005

- Hull's flood defences have withstood the River Humber
- If Hull flooded it would have costed the city an estimated £250M to rectify
- The tide was 1m above normal
- Hull's flood barrier cost £1.5M to build and it was closed for 5 hours before it was considered safe
- Hulls flood barrier is 100 feet high and is lowered when high tides threaten the city

April 18th 2005

- Flood warnings were issued for several North Yorkshire rivers
- North Yorkshire fire and rescue service responded to 60 calls during Friday night and Saturday morning
- Most calls came from Great Ayton area, near Stokesley after the River Leven burst its banks, stranding some cars and some livestock
- Flood watch of the lowest level of alert was still in force over the North York Moors and the Vale of York

- Flood warnings on a number of rivers including the River Esk near Whitby and Cod Beck at Thirsk were lifted

May 3rd 2005

- Leeds experienced thunder, lightning, hailstones and torrential rain
- Water a foot deep near Leeds Parish Church
- Traffic brought to a halt as water was so deep it reached car number plates
- The Premier Travel Inn and TGI Fridays on Wellington Street were both struck by lightning
- West Yorkshire Fire Service received 100 calls at lunchtime in just an hour

May 4th 2005

- Cars were completely submerged under water and many homes were flooded
- Wykebeck Valley Road in East Leeds flooded once again
- St Nicholas Primary School flooded and although the pupils work was saved the flood waters were knee deep, forcing the school to close
- Yorkshire Water said it was too early to tell if the flooding was the same as last summers, but they believe the situation was worsened by blocked drains caused by fly-tipping
- Residents have been offered accommodation for those affected by internal flooding
- Water was shin deep in Leeds City Centre
- Leeds City Station businesses were also badly affected and many of them had to close
- Hail and heavy downpours made driving conditions very bad and just outside Leeds City Centre, at Milshaw the flood water had completely submerged cars
- West Yorkshire fire service received 150 calls
- Homes in Morley and Oakwood had to be pumped

May 4th 2005

- 41mm of rain fell in 2 hours
- West Yorkshire Fire Service received 250 flood related call outs
- Morley, Hunslet, Gipton and Beeston were the worst hit areas
- The rain and hail caused Wyke Beck to burst its banks swamping dozens of homes with floodwater and sewage
- St Nicholas Primary School on Oakwood Lane backs Wykebeck Valley Road. 4 classrooms and a teaching room were submerged under 2 and a half feet of water.
- School flooded last year as well and last year had to foot a £54,000 bill
- Last years floods affected 240 homes in this area. The flood had been described a once in 180 years event.
- Residents had only returned 3 weeks and now have to evacuate
- Yorkshire Water and Leeds City Council are working together to get to the root of the flood

June 20th 2005

- Villages on the North York Moors cut off by flood waters
- Motorists were trapped in a landslide and had to be rescued by an air sea helicopter and taken to Friarage Hospital in Northallerton
- People attending s motorcycle rally in Duncombe Park were forced to climb into trees and await rescue
- Woman had to be rescued from the roof of her house in Rievaulx
- A couple had to be rescued from the village of Thirlby north of Thirsk
- A woman had to be rescued from her home in Hawnbly
- The A19 near Thirsk and the B1257 from Chopgate to Helmsley was shut after some of the road was washed away

June 20th 2005

- 70mm of rain fell in the North York Moors in 3 hours
- Roads were washed away and landslides occurred
- Thirlby, a few miles from Sutton Bank near Helmsley suffered the most flood damage
- Waters tore up half a mile of road as Thirlby Beck burst its banks

June 20th 2005

- A months rain fell in 3 hours over North Yorkshire
- 2 weeks of rain fell in 15 minutes
- Helmsley was completely cut off as the River Rye burst its banks
- Hawnbly was one of the worst areas hit an 6 of the 30 houses in the village were flooded

June 20th 2005

- North Yorkshire was one of the worst areas hit by flash floods.
- Standing water made driving conditions on the A19 and A690 difficult in both directions
- The village of Helmsley on the North York Moors was in very bad condition.
- Cars abandoned in Selby and Thirsk areas when the River Rye burst its banks

June 20th 2005

- 9 people reported missing in North Yorkshire
- Heavy down pour over North York Moors washed away roads and caused landslides and closed villages.
- Rising waters from River Rye in the village of Helmsley caused a lot of concern

June 20th 2005

- Torrential rain cut off several villages with the worst hit areas being among the North York Moors where several villages were cut off between Helmsley and the A19
- At Carlton near Helmsley several cars were stranded after a landslide
- BBC Bilsdale transmitter on North York Moors was flooded
- Felixkirk near Thirsk in North Yorkshire was badly hit and homes were flooded with several inches of water

June 20th 2005

- Lightning struck roof of a house in Loftus, Scarborough
- A170 and B1257 in Helmsley was closed as the bridge into Helmsley was dangerous
- 120 sheep stranded by flood water in a field near Thirsk
- Downpour over North York Moors cut off the villages of Selby, Thirsk, Carlton and Sutton-under-Whitstonecliffe

June 21st 2005

- 70mm of rain, which is the equivalent of a months worth of rain, fell in 3 hours over North Yorkshire
- 5 feet wall of water washed through streets.
- Several routes across the region including the A167 near Helmsley had to be closed last night and many villages could only be accessed on foot
- Power lines were brought down and some parts were left with no electricity
- Helmsley was among the worst places hit
- Houses evacuated after River Rye burst its banks
- Hawnbly, Nunnington, Thirlby and Sutton-under-Whitstone all suffered flooding
- 32 homes were flooded in North Yorkshire
- Flood warnings at Cod Beck, near Thirsk and the River Rye at Butterwick, 8 miles east of Helmsley

June 21st 2005

- Flood waters coursed through streets cutting off Helmsley and closing the A170 and B1257
- Water started off at being just a few inches high and then suddenly rose to 5 feet
- Portable cabins, marquees and caravans were swept away in Harrogate

June 21st 2005

- Hundreds of sheep were killed when the River Rye flooded its banks
- One farmer lost 150 out of 250 sheep in his flock
- Tourists had to flee from their holiday homes in Balk, North Yorkshire when a stream on the edge of the site burst its banks
- 172 caravans were flooded and another unoccupied one was swept away by the floods

June 21st 2005

- Cost of flash floods that affected the villages in Yorkshire could come up to tens of millions of pounds
- Yesterday was spent clearing mud and sewage from homes and retrieving cars that had been swept away
- Dozens of properties in North Yorkshire were affected
- Key roads and bridges were impassable
- More than 6,000 lightning strikes left 37,200 homes without power
- Estimated cost of damage to farms could reach £5M mark
- Properties across Hambleton and Ryedale, including Helmsley, Thirsk, Hawnby, Fangdale Beck, Boltby, Thirlby, Balk and Sutton-under-Whitstonecliffe were flooded
- Vehicles, skips and portable toilets were picked up by the water and smashed into properties
- Hawnby was without power and water and was inaccessible by vehicles
- Areas affected not considered normal flooding hotspots
- The ground had been hard baked from the heatwave and had been failing to absorb the huge amounts of water which ended up running directly into properties or swelling rivers, causing them to burst their banks

June 21st 2005

- In Kirkbymoorside a livestock building containing 35 cattle was swept away

June 21st 2005

- River Rye burst its banks and sent 4 feet of water through Ryedale
- Electrical storm swept North Yorkshire and 3 inches of rain fell in 15 minutes
- Cars were swept down Sawmill Lane in Helmsley along with 10 feet logs and a portable toilet from Duncombe Park
- Water 10 feet higher than the road swept through Mary Hall, Boltby

June 24th 2005

- Temperatures originally of 26°C-27°C across Yorkshire are predicted to fall dramatically
- Clean up for the villages hit by floods earlier in the month continues

July 30th 2005

- Dozens of homes in Scarborough were affected by the flooding
- At Church Fenton 18mm of rain fell in 12 hours
- In Linton-on-Ouse 20mm of rain fell in 12 hours
- In Loftus 22mm of rain fell in 12 hours
- The Barrowcliffe area of Scarborough was badly affected

- The worst affected house on Seamer Road had 6 inches of rain enter the cellar
- The carriageway of Scarborough General Hospital in Woodlands Drive had to be pumped
- Fire crew at York called to a house at Rufforth which was flooded with contaminated water

September 1st 2005

- Torrential rain caused traffic jams and the flooding of several homes
- Tropical storm followed by high temperature rise left many homes without power for hours
- Flooding on the A65 in Horsforth causing tailbacks as far as Kirkstal Road and causing jams around Rodley roundabout on the A6120 ring road
- Houses in Headingley, Stanningley, Cookridge and Woodhouse were flooded
- Lightning and downpours caused power cuts and disruptions in houses across the region
- 98,000 homes were affected by power cuts at one point

September 1st 2005

- Fire service in West Yorkshire, North Yorkshire and Humberside received many phone calls as flash floods occurred across the region
- Leeds fire fighters were called to homes in Headingley and Woodhouse
- There were also calls to Huddersfield, Rawdon and Stanningley
- Leeds railway station flooded and dozens of rail services were delayed because of heavy rain and winds
- England cricket's Ashes heroes play at Headingley in Leeds was called off when the heat gave way to torrential downpours and lightning

September 2nd 2005

- 20 flooding incidents in North Yorkshire
- Worst hit areas were Ripon, Harrogate and Skipton where several businesses suffered major water damage
- Lightning strike hit the East Coast Main Line between Northallerton and Thirsk
- Hull and Scarborough line bore brunt of storms

September 3rd 2005

- Barn in Easingwold near Thirsk was destroyed after a lightning bolt hit it and set it on fire.

May 23rd 2006

- In Leeming, North Yorkshire an inch of rain fell in 24 hours
- Clifton with Rawcliffes Infant School in York was flooded and a blocked drain caused sewage to seep into the kitchen, hall and computer suite.
- Fire fighters had to work to stop flood waters from reaching Cayton Bay Holiday Park, near Scarborough
- 2 flood warnings at the River Ouse, at York and Naburn Lock
- 2 flood warnings at the River Derwent at Stamford Bridge and Buttercrambe Mill
- Lesser flood warnings issued at both upper and lower areas of both the Ouse and Derwent.

June 13th 2006

- Several communities in East Yorkshire suffered flash floods
- Roads in Market Weighton were swamped by 2ft of water

July 3rd 2006

- Violent thunderstorms lead to flooding across the region
- Fire service received 280 calls about the flooding
- Dozens of homes were struck by lightning

- Iveson Drive in Cookridge in Leeds was struck by lightning which caused a severe fire to occur. The fire spread to the adjoining property and both were left virtually uninhabitable
- Lightning strikes reported in Henconner Lane, Bramley and Carlton near Rothwell, as well as in Menston, Mirfield and Huddersfield
- St Andrews Church tower in Undercliffe in Bradford was badly damaged when lightning struck it
- One of the worst flooded areas was Todmorden
- A stretch of the A646 Halifax Road in Todmorden had to be closed after the River Calder burst its banks
- Motorists were warned about surface water and debris that were on Hebden Bridge and at the junction of Commercial Street and New Road in Todmorden
- Rail services between Leeds and Manchester Victoria were disrupted by a landslide at Walsden, south of Todmorden
- Temperatures in some parts of West Yorkshire was reaching 28°C

July 3rd 2006

- Lightning hit West Yorkshire.
- Struck roof of house in Iveson Dive, Cookridge, Leeds. The roof was blown apart, the ceilings collapsed and a fire broke out after the bolt struck at 8:30pm.
- The house struck by lightning and the neighbouring house had to be evacuated and were deemed uninhabitable.
- Fire fighters spent 2 hours battling the blaze
- Dozens of homes struck by lightning
- Lightning strikes were also reported in Henconner Lane, Bramley and Carlton, near Rothwell as well as in Menston, Mirfield and Huddersfield.
- 280 emergency calls were received between 6pm and 9pm.

July 4th 2006

- Flash floods and thunderstorms hit the region and then gave way to bright sunshine and temperatures of 30°C in some places
- Fire service received 330 call outs in 5 hours mainly from the Todmorden and Hebden Bridge area
- In Todmorden up to 8 feet of water flooded houses. On one street the water caused a short circuit and a fire to be sparked.
- Drivers had to be rescued from floating cars between Halifax Road and Hebden Bridge and Todmorden
- Many businesses in Hebden Bridge were destroyed
- Some businesses would have to be closed for at least 6 weeks
- Fire fighters were struggling to deal with floods as they were having to pump one area and leave for another straightaway
- The tower of St Andrews Church in Undercliffe, Bradford was damaged when it was struck by lightning, along with several homes
- House in Iveson Dive, Cookridge, and Leeds was struck by lightning, causing the roof to be blown apart, the ceilings to collapse and a fire to occur.

July 8th 2006

- Pupils from Mallards Primary School in Balby were sent home after the school was struck by lightning.
- Electrical circuits had to be shut, a school alarm stopped working and the roof was damaged by the lightning.
- More than 30 storm related incidents were attended by the fire and rescue teams in the borough
- Lightning also struck a home a home in Kennington Grove, Eddington and hit an unoccupied car on Back Lane, Old Edlington.
- The town centre in Balby suffered a blackout that lasted several minutes.

July 24th 2006

- A freak flash of lightning killed 38,000 chickens in one strike.
- Electrical storm felled a telegraph pole which hit a nearby hut housing thousands of hens at Railway Farm, Hoyle Mill Road, Kinsley, near Pontefract
- 4 pumps, a hydraulic platform and two jets were used to put out the blazing hut.

July 27th 2006

- Flash floods occurred in East Yorkshire after heavy downpours and hail storms
- A number of properties on a housing estate were flooded in Willerby, near Hull, with nearly 18 inches of water flooding the town's Main Street
- Restaurant on Ferriby Road in Hessle flooded
- Stormy weather expected in inland Yorkshire, including the Vale of York

July 28th 2006

- Lightning storms took place in Lincolnshire and reports said it was moving northwards and across to East Riding before it went out to the North Sea.
- More than 1,000 lightning strikes were recorded and caused problems with the power supplies of 60,000 customers.
- Moorland blaze at Keighley Gate, Ilkley Moor

August 11th 2006

- Highest tides for the next 10 years are predicted to hit Yorkshire coast line.
- Height of waves depends on the weather
- Hull Tidal Surge barrier may have to be lowered as a precaution.
- The Environment Agency provided a service called Floodline Warnings Direct which provides flood warnings for people in at risk areas.

August 18th 2006

- One of the lanes on the A58 inner ring road in Leeds leading to the M62 flooded during rush hour. Tailbacks for several miles
- House on Highfield Avenue, Meltham, in Huddersfield was struck by lightning and set alight
- South Yorkshire hit by torrential rain
- Flooding across Barnsley
- No flooding reported in East Yorkshire and North Yorkshire
- Trains throughout Yorkshire unaffected showers expected across the region with temperatures reaching 19°C

August 19th 2006

- After heavy downpours lightning struck the East Coast Main Line on the signalling system just outside York
- Replacement coaches were laid on between Doncaster and York

August 24th 2006

- West Yorkshire fire crews received more than 100 calls
- Cloudburst blocked drains and caused flooding in areas around Wakefield before moving east towards Goole and Scunthorpe
- The Eastmoor area of Wakefield badly hit and dozens of homes and businesses were flooded
- Chantry bridge on Doncaster Road in Wakefield was badly flooded and people were told to avoid the area
- Grey Horse Pub at the bottom of Kirkgate was flooded with 10 inches of water
- In Ings Road water burst from the drains through the tarmac
- The subway in Marshway was filled with more than 6 feet of floodwater

- Problems on Aberforth Road in Leeds
- Storm went on to hit Goole and Scunthorpe
- Storm lasted several hours then moved east to Grimsby

August 24th 2006

- Wakefield was worst affected area where there were 70 flood related incidents in the space of 4 hours
- Road under Chantry Bridge in Wakefield was barely passable, with manhole covers being lifted up and the road breaking up
- There were queues along Ings Road
- Sewer collapsed near Doncaster Road
- Flooding in Pinderfields Hospital and in a residential home in Wrenthorpe, Wakefield
- A roof caved in on Yate's Wine Lodge in Little Westgate, Wakefield
- 3 pubs on Leeds Road were flooded
- 2 homes in Dickinson Street were badly affected
- West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue service dealt with 151 incidents between 5pm and 11pm most of which were to do with flooding

August 24th 2006

- In the space of 4 hours fire fighters were called to 70 flood related incidents in Wakefield
- The damage to a pub in Wakefield runs into thousands of pounds worth of damage. There was damage to the carpets, furniture and stock. The owner had sent a letter to Wakefield Council in the autumn of 2005 and had been promised 2 storm drains to protect the place, only one was put in.
- The River Calder from Brighouse to Castleford was officially under flood watch

September 12th 2006

- 2 bolts of lightning struck houses in Rothwell and Rawdon
- A semi detached house in Oakwood Avenue in Rothwell was struck in the evening. It smashed a hole in the roof and brought down the gable end of the house injuring the mother and daughter who lived there.
- The Rawdon strike also occurred in the evening and brought down the roof, blew out the sockets and destroyed a workshop of a semi detached house in Green Acre Park. The house was left uninhabitable.

September 12th 2006

- The house struck in Rothwell literally had the light switches blown off the walls
- The bolt that struck the house in Rawdon was estimated to be 1.5 volts. It was the TV aerial of the house that was hit by the lightning. This caused the roof to collapse into the back bedroom.

September 15th 2006

- Roads damaged because of lightning strikes, torrential rain and gale force winds
- Mini tornadoes occurred around Leeds, Harrogate and Barnsley
- Fire fighters in West Yorkshire took 90 calls in half an hour
- Man hurt by falling tree on Compton Road, in Harehills, Leeds
- Winds uprooted trees and contorted metal store shutters in Roundhay area of Leeds
- Trees felled in Shadwell and Harehills by winds and lightning strikes blocked several streets and carpeted others with leaves and branches
- High winds also hit East End Park, tearing the roof of one house and felling a tree on top of a car.
- Lightning struck tree in Dallowgill, Ripon.
- Tree felled on road into Walton Park in Spacey Houses, Harrogate.

- Lightning damaged Network Rails signalling equipment causing delays and cancellations on trains out of Leeds station.
- Train services stopped in Batley and those passing through Bradford had to follow speed restrictions.
- 25 minor crashes across region because of heavy rains
- Junction 30 on M1 out of Sheffield covered in 2 feet of water
- A61 between Leeds and Harrogate closed by fallen branches and trees
- Stores close to M621 in Junction One Retail Park, Leeds, lost power while one flooded
- Yorkshire received an inch of rainfall in an hour which is 4 times the amount that is considered heavy downpour.

September 15th 2006

- Violent thunderstorms and lightning strikes were reported in North Yorkshire with Leeds suffering the worst.
- A mini tornado occurred in Harehills in Leeds and ripped off several roofs
- North Yorkshire roads flooded as drains could not cope with downpour

December 4th 2006

- Strong winds tore roofs off 4 adjoining apartments on High Street in Kippax near Leeds leaving several families homeless
- Rain poured through ceilings and waterlogged the apartments and ground floor shops
- This is the second time the wind has ripped the roof off these apartments

January 1st 2007

- Flood alerts issued in North Yorkshire following days of heavy rain.
- Flood warnings issued for footpaths alongside the River Ouse in Central York and downstream at Naburn
- Flood watch alerts also on the upper and lower parts of the River Ure, the lower part of the River Swale, the River Foss and River Wiske.

January 13th 2007

- Overnight gales of 80mph at Whitby and 63mph at Leeming in North Yorkshire
- After a lorry was blown over on the A1 between Catterick and Dishforth the road had to be closed for several hours, causing a 17 mile traffic jam
- HGV overturned after a collision on the A1 further south, 3 miles north of Leeming Bar. Northbound carriageway closed for more than 5 hours and the Southbound carriageway was briefly closed so the driver could be airlifted to a hospital
- Lorry blown over at Scotch corner
- In York City the River Ouse rose to 14.3 feet above normal
- Flood alerts remained in Central York and downstream to Naburn
- Skeldergate to the west of the River Ouse and part of the A19 in Fulford to the south were closed to traffic. Forlands Road and Landing Lane were also closed and traffic had to be diverted through Heslington
- Warnings on riverside footpaths at Skeldergate, Peckitt Street, Rowntree Park and Alma Terrace between St George's Field and Bishopthorpe, at Fulford, Naburn Lock and Kelfield Road in Cawood
- Alerts remained on the River Swale at Kirby Wiske and the River Ure from Bishop Monkton to Roecliffe Caravan Park, at Aldwarke Bridge and Langthorpe
- Low level warnings still on the Upper and Lower parts of the River Ouse, the Lower River Swale, Lower River Ure, River Wiske and the Tidal Wharfe
- Other stretches of the River Ure, River Swale and the River Nidd were given the all clear
- Flood watch on River Aire between Keighley and Skipton
- Hundreds of sports matches had to be cancelled during the weekend because of the weather
- Pitches in Leeds, Bradford and Kirklees were waterlogged

- Heavy winds brought down sheeting from the new £7M Carnegie Rugby stand in Headingley in Leeds
- Winds gusted up to 55 knots and a 4,500 tonne cargo vessel almost hit 2 gas platforms on the Lincolnshire Coast. The vessel had to be towed to safety towards the River Humber

January 19th 2007

- Worst storms to hit Yorkshire in more than 20 years
- Woman lorry driver killed when her HGV was blown over in North Yorkshire
- 2 year old boy and elderly man killed when blew off barn in Scunthorpe
- Vehicle overturned on A629 Skipton western bypass killing the woman driver
- 100mph gusts and heavy downpours
- 50,000 people left without electricity in Yorkshire and the North East
- 34 flood alerts placed across Yorkshire
- Leeds/ Bradford and Doncaster airports closed
- GNER trains out of Yorkshire stopped after Network Rail imposed speed limits.
- A1, M1, M18, M62 and other arterial routes all suffered incidents where lorries were blown over. Smaller roads also suffered flooding and had trees and debris blown on to them.
- In South Yorkshire both Trans-Pennine routes were closed after trees and lorries were blown over on them.
- Kirk Balk School, Hoyland and Barnsley and Worsborough Country Park, Barnsley were two South Yorkshire Schools that had to be closed
- In West Yorkshire pupils from Ilkley Grammar School were all sent home
- Knottingley High School, Knottingley, near Pontefract also had to be closed
- Winds of up to 80mph across North Yorkshire with the Fire and Rescue service receiving 999 calls every 2-3 minutes
- In East Yorkshire winds battered both sides of the Humber, uprooting trees and damaging properties
- Ouse Bridge on the M62 was closed in both directions
- Leeds and Bradford City Councils had to cancel sporting events as playing grounds were waterlogged.
- In Rodley and Drighlington the gable ends of two houses were blown down

January 19th 2007

- Buildings damaged, roads closed and rail services cancelled
- Dewsbury Moor was hardest hit with 60 homes on Schools Lane having to be evacuated
- Blackouts in Leeds, Wakefield, Bradford, Dewsbury and Halifax
- Leeds Primrose High School and Shakespeare Primary School both had to be closed
- Headrow in Leeds city centre between Park Row and East Parade had to be shut when scaffolding came lose
- Flood warnings on River Aire at Allerton Ings near Castleford
- A659 Westbound between Otley and Pool closed
- Leeds City Council have closed all 270 sports pitches

January 20th 2007

- Across Yorkshire and Humberside 20,000 CE Electric customers were left without power
- Homes in Calverley, Leeds and Boston Spa near Wetherby were worst hit

January 22nd 2007

- House and nursing home in Harrogate struck by lightning.
- Gas and electricity had to be switched off a house in the village of Darley after a lightning strike. The lightning strike fractured a gas main damaged a stone window and the electrical wiring and blew off a fascia board
- Lightning set off the alarms in the nursing home in Harrogate.

June 13th 2007

- Communities on the south western edge of the North York Moors was cut off after minor roads were washed away in 2005
- A massive electrical storm occurred on Sunday the 19th of June 2005. 3 inches of rainfall had fallen in just 3 hours with 6,000 lightning strikes that left 37,200 homes without power
- 125 miles of the road network was affected by the flash floods and key roads and bridges were left impassable
- In the immediate aftermath of the floods a ford had to be created near Hawnby, before a temporary structure was built next to Shaken Bridge to allow repairs
- A 3.5m scheme has been underway to reinstate the road network centred around Helmsley, Hawnby and Thirlby
- The official opening of Shaken Bridge in Hawnby is Tuesday the 15th of May 2007. 2 other bridges in Hawnby will also be repaired

June 15th 2007

- 1,000 incidents of flooding occurred in the region
- Months worth of rain fell in 6 hours causing water to rise like a tide
- Hundreds of people were stranded in their homes and cars
- More heavy rain forecasted
- Motorists that were trapped on a car were rescued by an RAF helicopter
- 3 teenagers had to be pulled to safety from swollen rivers
- 3 soldiers fell into Risedale Beck on Hipswell Moor near Catterick Garrison, 2 were pulled to safety but the third hasn't been found
- 28 flood warnings issued and 23 flood watches across the region
- 3 severe warnings on the River Dearne at Lundwood, Barnsley, the Ings Beck at Westgate and Flanshaw, Wakefield, and land to the north west of the River Don, near Bramwith
- South Yorkshire fire crews received 500 calls in 18 hours
- Sheffield hit by its heaviest rainfall in more than 30 years
- A boy was rescued after being dragged a mile down a swollen stream in Ecclesfield, Sheffield
- 2 boys were rescued from a dyke in Barnsley
- 50 people were rescued from their homes near Borrage Bridge as the River Skell flooded low lying areas of the city
- Loftus in North Yorkshire experienced 45mm of rainfall in 6 hours
- Couple rescued from car after landslide occurred on the A59 at Blubberhouses near Harrogate
- Residents rescued via boat from Allerton Bywater
- 2 people had to be rescued from their truck by an RAF helicopter at Barnsdale Road
- Stretches of the A1 were closed
- Regions rail network was badly affected with services operated by Virgin and Northern Rail suspended in West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire
- Bingley was the wettest place in the country and 71mm of rain fell there in just 24 hours
- A man and woman were trapped in their car at Bingley by floodwaters and had to be rescued by fire fighters
- An inch of rain fell on Knavesmire Race Course causing Racing at York to be cancelled
- Sewers overflowed, drains collapsed and man hole covers burst open in Hull

June 15th 2007

- West Yorkshire was the wettest place in the country
- Flood warnings put in place across 7 locations along the River Aire
- Traffic chaos in Leeds and Wakefield and train lines were flooded
- Fire fighters received 100 flood related calls in the space of an hour
- The monthly average rainfall for June fell in 24 hours
- In Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, flooding was caused by a blocked drain
- Denby Dale Road, Westgate, Dewsbury Road and Aberforth Road in Wakefield, were all badly affected by the flooding

- Severe traffic congestion in Leeds City Centre and traffic was backed up through Whitehall Road after Northern Street
- Hostlingly Lane and Blacker Lane in Wakefield were both closed due to flooding
- Platforms 1-9 were closed due to signal failure
- The Ilkley to Leeds rail line was flooded causing major delays
- Dewsbury crematorium flooded
- The O2 Wireless festival at Harewood House in Leeds was turned into a mud bath
- Classrooms in Royds School, Oulton, Leeds were flooded
- A59 at Blubberhouses was blocked because of a landslide
- Heavy rain with localised thunderstorms was forecasted. Temperatures expected to reach 16°C

June 16th 2007

- West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue received 400 calls between 7am and 4pm
- 4x4 was almost swept along a swollen stream in Bingley. Its 2 occupants had to be rescued
- A blockage below lead to murky water gushing down 150 yards of Leeds Road in Ilkley
- Ashlands Road was turned into a river in Ilkley and residents had to erect a wall of sandbags to stop it from reaching houses. The water had come from Backstone Beck in the moors
- Flooding from Backstone Beck ranged from 12 inches to a couple of feet
- Dozens of cellars were flooded by Spen beck in Ravensthorpe, which was one of the worst hit areas
- Ings beck flooded Westgate and local properties in Wakefield, bringing traffic to a stop
- Kings School at Pontefract, Oldbank Infants at Mirfield and Mill Lane, Heckmonde-wike and pupils at Royds School, Oulton were closed due to floodwaters entering classrooms
- Ilkley to Leeds rail line was flooded and platforms at Leeds City Station were closed because of signal problems
- Otley Carnival was cancelled
- Thwaites Mills in Leeds was flooded and had to be closed
- 2 motorists were rescued from their cars in Barnsdale Road in Allerton Bywater

June 16th 2007

- Animals drowned at farms in Barnsley after the whole village was submerged after 48 hours of rain
- Fire services received 500 calls in 18 hours, only incidents threatening to lives were prioritised
- 2 boys were swept away by flood waters in the Barugh Green area. They managed to scramble on to high ground and were rescued from a dyke in Barnsley
- A boy was rescued from Blackburn Brook in Ecclesfield, Sheffield
- Between 8am and 2pm the fire fighters responded to 90 incidents, the majority in Barnsley and Sheffield
- The village of Darton was submerged and farmers reported dead animals floating in waterlogged fields
- In the Lundwood area of Barnsley the local authority made preparations for a centre to house several hundred evacuated residents
- Contingency plans put in action after River Dearne rose to dangerously high levels
- More than 20 houses were evacuated in Wombwell when the River Dearne burst its banks
- More than 50 houses in Bolsover Road, Fir View had to be evacuated
- Residents from Falding Street, Ecclesfield, in Sheffield had to be evacuated
- 50 people had to be moved from a nursing home in Chapeltown, Sheffield and another 2 nursing homes in Sheffield had to be completely evacuated.
- Trains in and out of Rotherham were stopped due to water on the tracks and Northern rail could not provide alternative services because dozens of roads had to be closed

June 16th 2007

- Water rescue team from Rothwell Leeds had to rescue 7 people from flooded houses on Barnsdale Road between Allerton Bywater and Castleford in a dinghy
- The River Aire burst its banks after it rained for 24 hours straight
- West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue service received 400 calls
- Broomer Street, Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury was the worst hit and 200 houses lost gas and electricity
- Search for missing soldier who fell into Risedale Beck on Hipswell Moor near Catterick Garrison continues
- Flood waters caused severe congestion in Leeds and Wakefield

June 16th 2007

- Torrential rain caused flooding with North Yorkshire being the worst affected.
- 5 schools across the county was shut
- Trains on East Coast Main Line were delayed.
- Roads affected by standing water
- A1 closed in both directions at Catterick because of standing water.
- Delays at the A61 at Ripon to Harrogate
- York horse track closed due to water logged course
- Landslip at Blubberhouses near Skipton which trapped a couple in their car
- Residents of Borage House Care Home, Ripon, had to be evacuated to Allhallowgate Community Centre when the River Skell burst its banks and flooded.
- 50 people in Borrage Road area had to be evacuated.
- Barefoot Street, Bondgate Street and Boroughbridge Road also suffered heavily from the flooding.
- Riverside Caravan Park in Knaresborough had to be evacuated.
- Villages of Hunningore and Cattal near Ripon were issued with flood warnings and told to evacuate if flood waters rose any further.
- Flood warnings at River Swale at Brompton-on-Swale caravan park and Topcliffe Mill
- Flood warnings on River Ure at between Bishop Monkton and Roecliffe near Boroughbridge and at Aldwark Bridge
- Businesses and homes flooded and had to be pumped at Catterick Garrison, Colburn, Bedale, Ripon and Harrogate
- Barricades against flood waters required at River Ure and the coast at Bridlington
- Bedale High School, Filey Secondary School and primary schools at Burneston near Bedale, Coppice Valley near Harrogate and Hackness near Scarborough, were all closed.
- Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Park near Ripon were both closed
- Flood warnings for several Yorkshire rivers including River Skell in Ripon, River Swale at Catterick Bridge and Topcliffe Mill and the River Ouse in York

June 18th 2007

- Clean-up operations underway as rain ceases
- Warning from MET office to prepare for more torrential rain
- Body of missing soldier who fell into Risedale Beck, on Hipswell Moor near Catterick was found
- Safety of A59 at Blubberhouses near Otley is being assessed by Highway Engineers after a landslide dropping more than 100 tonnes of mud and rubble occurred. The road remains closed
- Flood warnings in place for the Ouse in central York
- The River Skell which flooded dozens of homes in Ripon has dropped
- Association of British Insurers have said the government needs to spend £750M a year on flood defences and they, along with hospitals and schools, should be built to withstand environmental conditions till 2050
- A couple had to be rescued from Barnsdale Road between Allerton Bywater and Castleford when it flooded with nearly 4 feet of water.

June 20th 2007

- The Green Lane area of Castleford was flooded with both homes and businesses suffering. In one business some of the employees had to be rescued after high waters trapped them inside
- High volume pumps were needed to get rid of the flood water
- In Wakefield flood warnings had to be issued for the River Calder which was threatening to burst its banks
- A series of roads in Leeds were closed after blocked drains caused severe flooding
- Services to Kings Cross from Harrogate and Skipton had to be run from Leeds because of the flooding, but GNER trains from Leeds to Kings Cross were cancelled
- Scott hall road in Leeds was closed
- Problems also occurred in Horsforth, Newmarket Lane, Methley and Northern Street, all in Leeds
- This came just days after Allerton Bywater and Castleford were flooded with more than 4 feet of water

June 20th 2007

- A home in Leeds was hit by lightning, which set the houses roof alight and short circuited the electricity supply
- Rail lines were flooded and services either suffered severe delays or had to be cancelled all together.
- GNER trains from Leeds to Kings Cross were cancelled.
- Harrogate and Skipton had to be run from Leeds and flooding in Ardsley affected trains between Leeds and Wakefield.
- Replacement bus services were due to run from Horsforth and Burley Park
- Flooding in Pudsey affected services between Leeds and Manchester with 5mph speed restrictions in place on some routes
- Flood warnings were issued for the River Calder in Wakefield
- Clogged drains caused flooding in Leeds and lead to a number of roads being closed
- Denby Dale Road close to Pugney's Country Park in Wakefield was closed when puddles of standing water were turned into small lakes
- Electrical storms triggered burglar alarms across Leeds to go off
- Scott Hall Road was sealed due to floods, with problems also reported in Horsforth, Newmarket Lane, Methley and Northern Street in Leeds City Centre
- Parts of Allerton Bywater and Castleford were flooded with 4 feet of water
- Storm classed as a tropical storm, with another expected

June 21st 2007

- Heavy rain reported across the country and more expected
- In Yorkshire Bingley had the most rain, with almost half an inch recorded
- Businesses in Castleford were flooded and needed to be pumped
- Water had to be pumped from Castleford Tigers Rugby ground in Wheldon Road
- Fire fighters in South Yorkshire received 70 calls for help in 2 hours
- Problems restricted to an area around Swinton and Rawmarsh in Rotherham, extending to Elsecar in Barnsley
- At one point half the county's fire fighters were needed to pump water away
- 3 rail services between Leeds and Kings Cross and Bradford and Kings Cross were cancelled
- A house in High Cote, in Riddlesden, Keighley was struck by lightning and set alight
- A house in Windmill Approach, Belle Isle, Leeds was also hit by lightning and set alight
- Fountains Abbey was damaged after the River Skell exposed masonry from the ruins which has not been seen in centuries
- Landslide at Kex Gill between Harrogate and Skipton caused the A59 to be closed

June 25th 2007

- A boy died after drowning in the River Sheaf in Millhouses Park in Sheffield
- River Don burst its banks in Sheffield and sent water through the industrial areas. Many workers were trapped in their workplaces and had to be airlifted to safety or rescued by boats
- A man trying to clear a drain on Astral Close Hessle near Hull got his foot trapped in a manhole and drowned in the rising waters. Attempts were made to try to save him but the flood waters were too strong and prevented his rescue.
- Parts of the M1, A1, M62 and A63 were completely submerged under water
- A number of railway stations including Sheffield and Leeds stations were closed
- Hundreds of bus services were cancelled
- Hundreds of people had to be evacuated from all across Yorkshire
- Dozens of people had to be evacuated from their homes to 2 emergency shelters in Leeds after the River Aire burst its banks
- Anyone stranded in Sheffield city centre was advised to make their way to the Winter Gardens where they could be directed to safety
- 100 people were stranded in Meadowhall shopping centre which was without power and places to exit
- The RAF had to send helicopters to Sheffield to airlift people trapped on the roofs of industrial units on Brightside Lane in the Lower Don Valley
- Water rose to 3-4 feet just 10 minutes after the River Don burst its banks
- 200 people were trapped on the first floor of the Royal Mail distribution centre in Sheffield
- 200 people were taken from their homes in Winn Garden estate in the Middlewood area of Sheffield, to 2 schools
- South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue service received 1,000 calls between 12am and 5pm
- Fire control operators received 200 calls an hour in West Yorkshire
- In North Yorkshire fire fighters received 1 call every minute
- 23 schools in Rotherham closed
- 11 schools in Sheffield closed
- 21 schools in Doncaster closed
- 5 schools in Leeds closed
- Wettest June since 1914
- Weather to remain unsettled for the next 15 days

June 25th 2007

- Forecasters predict some parts will receive up to a months rainfall in 36 hours
- Prolonged heavy rain could lead to localised flooding in areas that are already saturated
- Temperatures dropping to 12°C-18°C across the country
- Sheffield Festival of Transport which was meant to take place on the 24th of June 2007 in Graves Park had to be cancelled due to the site being waterlogged
- Flood watches in place for the River Leam between Marton and Leamington Spa in Warwickshire and the River Wreake from Frisby to Syston

June 25th 2007

- Weather warnings for Yorkshire
- 3 day storm alert issued
- Torrential rain and gale force winds expected over coming 24 hours
- More than 2 inches of rain expected to fall in Yorkshire.

June 26th 2007

- Worst hit areas were Wakefield, Pontefract, Castleford, parts of Leeds, Brighouse, Mirfield, Liversedge and Cleckheaton. South Elmshall town centre also suffered badly from the flooding
- West Yorkshire Fire Service received 200 calls every hour
- Severe flood warnings were issued for the Alverthorpe area of Wakefield and the River Aire at The calls in Leeds and at Clarence Dock in Leeds also for Allerton Bywater and Methley. Flood warning also issued for Apperley Bridge and Esholt near Bradford
- Localised flooding in Leeds, with 5 schools having to close
- Emergency shelters had to be setup as 70 homes were flooded by the Wyke Beck in Halton, East Leeds. The homes were also flooded in 2004 and 2005
- Emergency shelters setup in Fearnville Leisure Centre in Oakwood Lane
- Dunhills Rise and Dunhills Crescent were very badly affected
- Thornhill Beck rose 4 feet above normal and Thornhill Beck lane in Brighouse had to be closed
- Trains delayed between Bradford Forster Square and Ilkley after line flooded at Guiseley Station
- Sandbags were issued by Bradford council after Bolton Wood Community Centre was flooded
- The roads that had to be closed were: the Sliproad of the M62 at junction 32 at Glasshoughton; Westgate, Wakefield; M62, West Yorkshire; A1M, Wetherby; M1 South Yorkshire; A63, Garforth; A58, Collingham; A6110, Lower Worley, Leeds; A636, Wakefield; A6186, Wakefield; A638, Wakefield; A61, Chapel Allerton; M621, Leeds; A62, Gildersome; A637, Flockton; Northern Street, Leeds; A659, Otley; A61, Harewood; A658, Pool; A65, Leeds; A58M, Leeds; A660, Leeds; A629, Halifax; A164, Carnaby; A1033, Hollym; A18, Leger Way, Doncaster; A616, Deepcar; A19, Askern; A6109, Meadowhall Road, Sheffield; M1, junction 34, Sheffield; and the A57, Sheffield Parkway. 2 roads in Calderdale were also closed

June 26th 2007

- 3 inches of rain fell across North Yorkshire in 24 hours
- North Yorkshire Fire And Rescue Service received 999 calls at one point which is 1 call every minute
- High volume pump from Harrogate was sent to deal with flooding in Castleford
- Summerbridge Primary School near Harrogate was flooded by water from the main street. 33 pupils had to be sent home
- Properties had been flooded in Stokesley, Selby, York and Harrogate
- Chapel Haddlesey Church of England Primary School near Selby and Saxton Church of England Primary School, near Tadcaster were both affected by the flooding

June 26th 2007

- The River Dearne burst its banks again in the Dearne Valley between Barnsley and Doncaster, flooding the centre of the village of Darfield
- Junction 34 of the M1 near Meadowhall was closed, which slowed traffic to a standstill
- Barnsley council said they were in a state of emergency and hundreds of thousands of pounds had already been spent on cleaning up after the previous downpour and floods
- A number of roads and bridges in Barnsley had to be closed
- 23 schools in Rotherham, 11 in Sheffield and 21 in Doncaster were all closed
- 2 leisure centres in Doncaster were also closed
- 2 men had to be rescued by inflatable boat at Hague Lane, Wentworth, near Rotherham and 2 more had to be rescued from Brodsworth near Doncaster
- Couple had to be rescued from a house in Welland crescent, Elsecar, Barnsley
- River Don burst its banks in Sheffield, closing roads throughout the city centre
- Meadowhall bus station had to be closed
- Sheffield railway station had to be evacuated and trains from Sheffield, Leeds, Lincoln, Derby, Doncaster and Barnsley were all cancelled
- 3 inches of rain predicted to fall over South Yorkshire by the end of the day

June 26th 2007

- 61mm of rain fell in 9 hours in some areas of Leeds, which is the heaviest downpour experienced by the city in 50 years
- Roads were gridlocked and dozens of trains were cancelled
- Dunhill estate in east Leeds was one of the worst affected areas that was flooded when Wyke Beck flooded
- Emergency rest centres were set up in Leeds Town Hall and the Fearnville Leisure Centre
- Advice will be given to those affected on housing needs, hygiene, clean-up and clearing blocked gullies to make roads safer
- 3 severe flood warnings in place on the River Aire in Leeds city centre
- In Wakefield properties on Willow Road in Alverthorpe and houses in Westgate Common, including Rufford Street, Alverthorpe Road, Westgate End and Victoria Avenue were in danger of being flooded after a severe flood warning was placed on Ings Beck
- No train services were operating between Leeds and Harrogate and Huddersfield and Sheffield
- No GNER services running between Leeds and Sheffield after 5 places on the line were flooded

June 26th 2007

- More than 200 homes were flooded in Ravensthorpe, mainly on Sackville Street and Broomer Street, with flooding also occurring in Spen Lane and across the Hightown area of Liversedge
- Flood warning for the River Calder lead to several roads being closed including Moor Lane, Gomersal; Drubb lane, Cleckheaton; Halifax Road and Union Road, Liversedge; and Granny Lane and Steanard Lane, Mirfield
- On the plus side Battyeford Sports Club were able to take advantage of the flood waters to enjoy a number of water sports, with one man canoeing across a flooded playing field
- Flooding also affected Lea Street and Field Street in Ravensthorpe, where a community centre was opened to offer emergency support to those affected

June 27th 2007

- Homes shops and businesses in Pickering were flooded after the Beck overflowed and residents had to be taken to Lady Lumley's school for safety
- The A169 and A170 through Pickering had to be closed
- The River Seven flooded farm land and properties in the village of Sinnington, near Pickering
- Properties were also flooding in Selby
- Fire control operators received 1,000 calls from hotspots such as Ryedale, Selby, York and Harrogate
- North Yorkshire fire service had 30 fire appliances, 150 fire fighters, 6 specialist appliances and 20 officers and support staff working to respond to the emergency calls
- The Community Junior, Lady Lumley's and St Joseph's RC Primary school were all closed in Pickering
- Thornton dale Church of England and Boroughbridge Primaries were closed in Sinnington
- Stokesley school was only open to pupils taking exams

June 28th 2007

- 75mm of rain due to fall tomorrow and over weekend
- Temperatures between 13°C-16°C
- Rainfall will worsen existing flooding

June 30th 2007

- More heavy rain expected
- Motorists and pedestrians were urged not to travel through flooded areas as both were in danger of being swept away
- Residents asked to check on neighbours as people have been known to suffer from hypothermia after their homes were flooded with cold rain water

July 2nd 2007

- An extra 15 high volume pumps were drafted to work alongside the 11 already in operation in Doncaster were 2 communities were submerged under several feet of water
- 10,000 litres a second was being pumped out of Bentley and Toll Bar into the River Don
- Staff as far away as Hampshire were helping the county with the clean up
- Royal National Lifeboat Institution's rapid response unit was brought in along with a boat from South Yorkshire Fire and rescue and a boat from Lancashire Fire brigade to take food parcels and other supplies including medicines to those who refused to leave their homes
- Rotherham railway station is to be closed for weeks and the line between Sheffield and Worksop also remains closed after an embankment beneath the track was washed away
- Several roads including the A61 between Sheffield and Barnsley are closed
- £35,000 has been raised by the South Yorkshire Flood Victim Support Appeal

July 3rd 2007

- High volume pump deployed to Humberside to pump water from streets of Hull
- Waist deep in flood water and polluted sewage in some parts of Hull
- Housing estates in Beverley near Hull were very badly off
- Water up to 2m deep in some places

July 4th 2007

- Fire fighters experienced a high number of flood related incidents for areas up to Stokesley and Hutton Rudby
- Skipton and its surrounding villages were hit by torrential rain and flooding
- Flash flooding occurred on the A65, A59 and A629, along with a number of other routes, forcing a number of roads to close
- A man was trapped in his car on the A629 at Low Bradley after it got stuck under 2 feet of water

July 5th 2007

- 4cm of rain fell in 2 hours at Hutton Rudby, near Stokesley, North Yorkshire
- Cranthorne near Yarm, near Great Broughton, near Stokesley and Swainby near Northallerton were also affected by the floods

July 5th 2007

- 30 elderly people evacuated from flats in Filey, North Yorkshire after roof collapsed during heavy downpour
- Filey town centre flooded and Rutland street and Murray street were in particularly bad condition

July 7th 2007

- For the third time in 3 years homes in Dunhill estate, Halton were flooded by Wyke Beck
- The floods in 2004 had been so strong that it had swept the 26 feet garage belonging to one home, in Dunhill, off its foundations, but damage was kept to a minimum as residents had come prepared with sandbags for the 2007 floods
- 70 properties in Dunhill were affected by the flooding with many of them unable to get insurance until they paid an excess of £2,000 - £6,000.
- It is believed that the Dunhill area put too much pressure on the beck
- Mirfield, Liversedge, Wakefield, South Elmsall, Cleckheaton, Brighouse, Pontefract, Collingham, near Wetherby and parts of Leeds and Castleford were all parts of west Yorkshire that were particularly badly affected
- This week Skipton and its surrounding villages were also badly hit by the flooding
- One of the worst hit areas was Agbrigg, near Wakefield. Floodwater reached 4 feet in some areas forcing residents from their homes. Many roads and schools had to be shut and many properties were left without power

July 16th 2007

- Flood waters had to be cleared from 20 properties from an area in Main Road, Camerton, in the East Riding of Yorkshire
- A lightweight pump was needed to clear water from a flooded cellar in Kings Road in Immingham in North East Lincolnshire
- Major pumps were also needed to clear Humber Road in Immingham
- The Newbiggen area of Hornsea in East Yorkshire needed to be pumped
- Further incidents were reported in Immingham and Hedon but the water receded on its own
- 3 flood warnings in place with 2 on the River Hull
- 6 flood watches across the region
- Only 10mm of rain in 24 hours

July 16th 2007

- 3 flood warnings placed in East Yorkshire
- 2 flood warnings on the River Hull in Nafferton, Foston and Watton Carrs at Burrshill Carrs
- 1 flood warning at Holderness Drain
- 2 flood watches at River Hulls upper catchments around Driffield and Leconfield and in Holderness between Carnaby and Kilnsea

July 17th 2007

- 20 properties were flooded with several inches of water in the Holderness village of Camerton, near hull
- Camerton also suffered flooding twice in June, on the 15th June 2007 and the 25th June 2007
- Water had to be pumped from Main road, Homestead Road, Hooks Lane and Bellcroft Road in Camerton. Flooding thought to have been exacerbated by blockages in the sewage system
- Flash flooding in Immingham and Newbiggen area of Hornsea
- 10 more high volume pumps were sent to help clean up areas in Toll Bar and Bentley, North of Doncaster, which was 2 of the worst flood stricken areas
- Pumps were also used to clear Humber road in Immingham

July 18th 2007

- Fire service received more than 80 calls for assistance from residents in Filey, North Yorkshire
- The town was hit by flash floods and all roads were closed in the area along with the A1039 and all routes into the town
- The town centre was flooded and Rutland Street had to be completely evacuated
- Pupils were sent home from Filey School on Muston Road
- 10 houses on Muston Road had to be evacuated
- Lifeboat crews were used to rescue 16 people and 4 dogs
- The floodwaters were quickly receding though

July 18th 2007

- Electrical storm sparked more flash flooding in Leeds
- Shakespeare Primary and Primrose High School in Burmantofts both suffered flooding. Neither school had to close
- Chapel Allerton Primary School also flooded and had to close
- Flash floods affected Roundhay Road and one driver had to abandon her car and wade through knee deep waters to get to safety
- Trains to Bradford Forster Square, Ilkley and Skipton from Leeds City Station Were some of many trains which suffered delays
- Flood watch alerts for all low-lying roads and land along the River Aire from Castleford to as far east as Airmyn, near Goole
- 4 more days of rain predicted in Leeds

- Hundreds of properties in Leeds were hit by flooding in June, believed to cost millions of pounds. The worst affected were Halton Moor, Rothwell and Kippax

July 18th 2007

- Chimney stack of terraced house on Reginald View in Chapeltown, Leeds, was struck by lightning which set the house on fire.
- The electricity supply of the house was short circuited which is what started the fire. The fire spread quickly across the timber roof extension and blew several television sets in a neighbouring house out.

July 19th 2007

- Torrential downpour flooded Filey and fire fighters dealt with more than 80 call outs in an hour as flood water reached waist deep
- Public were asked not to make 999 calls unless they were in immediate danger
- 30 elderly residents had to be evacuated from flats in Chapel Court after a roof collapsed in Filey
- Filey's town centre flooded and residents from Rutland's Street and Murray Street had to be evacuated as they were both under water
- A substantial landslide was reported at the start of Filey Brigg and an RAF helicopter at Leconfield was asked to be on standby in the event of any medical emergencies
- 2 hours after the cloud burst Muston Road remained closed and 10 houses in the area had been evacuated
- Scarborough Road was passable with care
- Concert Hall at Filey's Evron centre was turned into an emergency shelter
- 700 pupils in Hull had their exams disrupted when they had to flee during the floods

July 20th 2007

- Flash floods swept through villages near Scotch Corner in North Yorkshire. Many residents had to be rescued
- Torrential cloudburst led to homes in Gilling West's High Street being flooded with 2 feet of water
- Homes in Scotch Corner, Kirby Hill, Ravensworth, Middleton Tyas, Hartforth and Melsonby were all affected
- Flooding occurred when a beck in Gilling West burst its banks, flooding 30 buildings in the village

July 20th 2007

- Freak rain storm in North Yorkshire which started at 7:30pm and lasted 30 minutes
- Streams burst banks and made roads impassable in Barton, Gilling West, Melsonby, Hartforth, Scotch Corner, Middleton Tyas and Kirby Hill which border the A66
- 2 feet of water flowing through Gilling West and 100 sandbags were used
- Water reached up to the top of the ground floor windows in Melsonby and the stone wall had to be knocked down on the West Road to save properties. (Walls knocked down to alleviate water pressure)
- Barton and Winston roads were knocked down by the force of the water and fallen trees.
- Vehicles abandoned between Scotch Corner and Skeeby

July 20th 2007

- Skeeby Beck flooded causing Richmondshire residents to leave their homes.
- Flooding effected Gilling West, Hartforth, Melsonby, Ravensworth, Kirkby Hill and Middleton Tyas
- 25 crews were needed to deal with dozens of flooded homes and businesses
- Side roads of A66 were closed
- 30 homes in Gilling West were evacuated and Melsonby primary school was closed

July 21st 2007

- Waist deep water gushed through 5 communities near Scotch Corner in North Yorkshire, flooding homes, demolishing walls and tearing up tarmac
- Worst hit was Gilling West
- Flood carried a tractor through the town which knocked out a stone wall
- Water reached 5 feet in some areas
- At Melsonby a stone footbridge was destroyed by the water and village school had to be closed
- Hartforth Lane and Gilling West were filled with abandoned cars

July 23rd 2007

- More rain storms forecasted
- CLA Game Fair at Harewood House near Leeds had to be cancelled for the first time in shows 49 year history. It would have brought an economic benefit of £50M
- The Ryedale Show and Royal Lancashire Show were also cancelled

July 26th 2007

- 103mm of rain fell at Fylingdales in North Yorkshire in a 24 hour period

July 27th 2007

- It was believed that the rain that flooded Sheffield would eventually move up to Leeds
- People in Leeds city centre were told to stay away from the River Aire
- Preparations were made for those living in Dunhills estate in east Leeds. Sandbags were issued to houses
- Leeds managed to escape the flooding but the scare proved that its flood defences needed serious improving
- A £100M flood defence scheme for Leeds was cancelled 6 months before the flooding occurred

November 9th 2007

- Heavy seas pounded Yorkshires coast leading to the main road through Sandsend near Whitby being closed
- Flood warnings were issued for Scarborough's seafront and the Foreshore and Marine Drive were closed as tides were expected to reach 3m above normal
- Seafront traders and amusement arcade owners had to barricade their premises with piles of sandbags

November 10th 2007

- Alerts issued along East Coast with high tides causing some damage in Scarborough
- Tides reached 9 feet high in East Anglia
- It is believed that floods that occur once every 100 years on the east coast will start occurring once every 10 years by the end of the century
- The flooding left North Marine Drive and the site of a £140M Sands project in Scarborough covered in sand, seaweed, Spume and pieces of wreckage from broken fences.
- Scarborough's Marine drive and Foreshaw Road had to be closed which caused chaos throughout the town

November 24th 2007

- Wind and tide created difficult coastal conditions
- Gale Force 8 winds
- Flood warnings for most of Yorkshire coast
- A woman and her two children died when their boat was swept from the sea wall in Scarborough

January 10th 2008

- Mini whirlwind in Scunthorpe
- 12 hour storm that caused roads to be blocked by falling trees and roofs to be blown off buildings, forcing the closure of some schools
- 22,000 homes across the country left without power at one point
- Minibus crash on A166 near Garrowby Hill
- 70 feet of 2 aluminium sheets from the roof of Harrogate District Hospital was blown off
- Yorkshire said to have missed the worst of the weather

January 10th 2008

- Roads have been closed across West Yorkshire because of the heavy rain
- Halifax to Burnley Road in the Hebden Bridge area of Calderdale was the worst affected
- The road between Mytholmroyd and Todmorden had to be closed until the gullies were cleared and the water was removed
- There was a foot of water on the Canal Road in the centre of Bradford after a night of heavy rain and the road between Queens Road and Kings Road had to be closed

January 10th 2008

- Many rivers in West Yorkshire are under flood warnings after flooding was reported in Yorkshire today after persistent rainfall
- A646 Burnley to Halifax in the Upper Calder Valley was closed between Todmorden and Mytholmroyd by floods
- A house in Driffield terrace in York was flooded by a blocked drain
- Canal Road was shut off to drivers in Bradford
- Flood warnings have been given for the River Calder and River Colne
- Flood watches have been given for the Rivers Wharfe and Aire

January 18th 2008

- On June 25th 2007 floodwaters had reached the heights of car windscreens before a flood warning had been given. Councillors met on Monday the 14th of January to discuss the floods and the way they were dealt with
- Council found that warnings need to be more easily understood and they found this highlighted the lack of warning system for flash floods
- The council have suggested that there should be more locally based monitoring equipment for weather conditions and that the public should be better educated about the issues associated with flooding
- The efficiency and quality of the emergency rescue centres were brought into questions as there were some instances of theft and unsettling behaviour reported. It was decided if any accommodation was setup in the future Sheffield's ambassador would act as an official presence there
- The council has also been advised to increase the size of its team who staff the emergency centres as many found it hard to get to their destination with the roads flooded
- It was found that defences would also be needed to protect utility providers and the council is to conduct an audit in the city of buildings which have their own generators which would allow them to continue functioning during a power cut

January 21st 2008

- Flooding caused problems with a number of train services
- For the Trans Pennine Express there were no services between Leeds to Huddersfield via Dewsbury because of flooding in Mirfield. It was decided the services would operate between Liverpool Lime Street and Huddersfield and between Manchester Piccadilly and Huddersfield. Services would also operate between Leeds and Hull and between Leeds and York/Scarborough/Middlesbrough and Newcastle
- Customers travelling between Manchester and Leeds/York have been told to use the Trans Pennine Express services via Sheffield/ Doncaster for onward connections

- The Trans Pennine Express is expecting these disruptions to continue till the 23rd of January
- The National Express East Coast have said that the 6:30am Bradford Forster square to London Kings Cross will start at Leeds, the 6:55am Skipton to London Kings Cross will start at Leeds, the 5:33pm London Kings Cross to Bradford Forster Square will terminate at Leeds and the 6:03pm London Kings Cross to Skipton will terminate at Leeds. This will also continue till the 23rd of January
- The Northern Rail Skipton to Lancaster/Morcambe was cancelled due to flooding near Hellifield and Wennington. A replacement bus service was provided where conditions would allow it. The Skipton to Carlisle train service was also cancelled with a replacement bus service provided as before. Leeds to Skipton/Ilkley/Bradford Forster Square rail service was cancelled due to flooding in Kirkstall near Leeds. A replacement bus service was provided between Leeds and Bradford Forster Square, but train services were operating between Bradford Forster Square and Skipton and between Bradford Forster Square and Ilkley. Again all disruptions were expected to continue till January 23rd
- Northern Rail also had to cancel the Halifax to Huddersfield service because of flooding near Brighouse. A replacement bus service was once again provided.
- The Northern Rail service from Selby to Wakefield via Bradford Interchange/Huddersfield had to be amended due to flooding at Brighouse and Mirfield. Services between Selby, Leeds, Bradford Interchange, Halifax, Huddersfield and Wakefield will be between Selby and Bradford Interchange in both directions, with no services between Bradford Interchange and Wakefield via Huddersfield. After 8pm services would start from/terminate at Halifax with no services between Halifax and Wakefield via Huddersfield. Replacement bus services were provided where roads were accessible

January 21st 2008

- The River Aire burst its banks and overflowed its barriers close to Leeds Dam and Crown Point Bridge in the city centre
- Marsh Street, East Street and Neptune Street all had to be closed in Leeds
- Flood warnings in place along Sovereign Street along to Leeds Bridge, with a number of businesses such as Capita, KPMG, Royal Armouries and the Universities riverside Halls of Residence at Clarence Dock
- A severe flood warning was also issued for The Calls on the banks of the River Aire
- Congestion in Leeds city centre was extremely bad
- The River Aire bar on The Calls was flooded with water reaching 8 inches up the windows. The bar had no flood insurance as it had flooded twice the previous year and lost £30,000 because of it. The owner of the bar said sandbags should have been provided by the council well in advance
- 2 flood warnings had also been issued for Leeds city centre at Clarence Dock and the Hilton hotel, with the first warning prompted by Neptune Street and the second by Kirkstall Road

January 21st 2008

- About 60 homes were flooded in Armitage Bridge near Huddersfield and 100 people were evacuated from a factory in Silsden, near Keighley
- The River Aire and the River Calder were of particular concern after 30-50mm of rain was forecast
- Drivers warned of standing water in Rossington and the A6023 at Mexborough
- A woman and her child had to be rescued when they were trapped in their car by floodwater on the B1246 road from Pocklington to Warter
- The Foss Barrier was closed in York and pumps were deployed at Elvington, Wood Dyke, Burr Dyke and Naburn. River levels expected to rise as the week progressed
- The Years 7-9 at Horbury School in Wakefield could not attend as their mobile classrooms were flooded
- Network Rail had to close lines between Sheffield and Barnsley as the track at Elsecar was badly flooded

January 22nd 2008

- 41 flood warnings and 39 flood watches in place with 13 of the flood warnings being extremely severe
- Police had to rescue a number of elderly people who were trapped by 2 feet flood waters on a bus near Brighton after a nearby dyke burst
- Doorways were sandbagged to try and keep the flood waters from rising in the worst hit areas
- Concerns that a wall near a flooded pond will collapse on Stony Lane in Allerton near Bradford. 3 detached houses and 2 blocks of flats had to be evacuated to be on the safe side
- 20 properties at Stainforth near Doncaster had to be evacuated overnight as a precaution
- Levels at Ea Beck near Toll Bar are falling but the water levels will continue to be monitored
- Severe flood warning downgraded after passing of high tide at Burstwick Drain at Hedon, east of Hull
- River levels dropping on the Calder and Aire
- River Ouse is predicted to reach its peak mid week
- Homes evacuated in Armitage Bridge near Huddersfield will be assessed to see the extent of the damage
- 20 homes were evacuated in Springbank Crescent off Leeds Road, Huddersfield
- 60 children had to be evacuated from a school in Elland near Halifax
- Leeds train services are still affected
- 100 homes in Thirsk were at risk as water levels in Cod Beck rose
- North Yorkshire may be subject to further high water when the snow falls in higher areas start melting

January 22nd 2008

- People advised not to travel unless absolutely necessary
- No trains operating from Leeds to York, Harrogate, Bradford, Skipton, Manchester, Piccadilly, Sheffield or Blackpool North. Lines also suspended from Skipton to Morcambe, Carlisle and Keighley as well as from Ilkley to Guiseley
- Leeds shelved a £100m flood defence scheme 3 years ago. Ever since there have been calls to put it into action

January 22nd 2008

- Dozens of businesses were flooded when the River Calder burst its banks in Mirfield
- Battyeford Sports Club, in Mirfield, was flooded up to its roof and the Ship Inn pub which is near Shepley Bridge was completely cut off from dry land
- The Calder flooded neighbouring fields and was at risk of also flooding the main Dewsbury to Huddersfield road
- By early afternoon many businesses close to the river bank were flooded
- Shepley Bridge had to be closed off which meant the route into Lower Hopton was blocked
- The worst floods Mirfield has seen in 17 years

January 22nd 2008

- Huddersfield was one of the worst affected areas
- A handful of homes suffered flood damage in Armitage Bridge and so did a few homes just off Leeds Road, in Huddersfield, after the River Colne burst its banks
- Dean Brook in Armitage Bridge also flooded with waters in the brook reaching 5 feet instead of the usual 5 inches deep
- About 60 children had to be evacuated from Water's Edge Nursery in Elland, near Huddersfield after the River Calder and Hebble Navigation Canal began to flood the building
- 50 people were evacuated from Brighouse when flooding threatened River Street
- Many junior and infant schools were closed across the Calderdale area along with 3 libraries
- 100 people were evacuated from the Habasita factory on Keighley Road in Silsden near Keighley

January 22nd 2008

- Suspended train services included Leeds-Shipley, Leeds-Ilkley, Leeds-Huddersfield, Leeds-Hebden Bridge via Dewsbury and Bradford-Wakefield
- The train services that were not running was Leeds-Shipley, Skipton-Carlisle/Lancaster, Leeds-Bradford Interchange-Halifax-Todmorden, Hebden Bridge-Rochdale (Manchester Victoria Service), Hebden Bridge-Burnley (Blackpool North Service), Leeds-Ilkley, Leeds-Sheffield fast Service
- The following rail services were affected due to flooding in Morley Tunnel. Leeds-Dewsbury-Huddersfield/Hebden Bridge. Services to Hebden Bridge had to be diverted at Mirfield to run to Huddersfield
- The Leeds-Shipley-Bradford Forster Square service was delayed
- The Leeds-Keighley-Skipton-Carlisle/Lancaster service was suspended
- The Leeds-Bradford Interchange-Halifax-Todmorden was suspended north of Skipton
- All services between Leeds and Rochdale were cancelled
- A replacement bus service was provided and was running between Hebden Bridge and Rochdale, but it suffered disruptions due to flooding on the road in the Calder Valley
- Rail services were operating between Rochdale and Manchester Victoria, York-Blackpool via Bradford and Blackburn
- There were no services between Leeds and Burley because of flooding in the Calder Valley
- There were delays between Leeds-Harrogate-York and trains were only able to run between Harrogate and York as the Leeds-Harrogate service had been suspended
- Flooding affected the services between Barnsley and Sheffield and the Leeds-Sheffield fast service had to be diverted between Wakefield Kirkgate and Meadowhall, without serving Barnsley
- The local service between Leeds and Sheffield via Castleford will operate between Leeds and Barnsley only
- Services between Huddersfield and Sheffield will operate between Huddersfield and Barnsley only
- Replacement bus services have been provided between Barnsley and Sheffield

January 25th 2008

- Storms toppled lorries and caused flight cancellations across Yorkshire
- Lorry overturned on M1 northbound at junction 40 near Wakefield
- Wagon lost its ladders on junction 39
- Lorry overturned near junction 39 on M1 southbound in Durkar area of Wakefield
- Police requested closure of the Aire and Calder bridge at junction 30 of the M62 after a lorry's roof was almost ripped off
- A1 closed to high sided vehicles between junction 61 and 49.
- Planes prevented from landing at Leeds Bradford airport because of severity of winds, with flights diverted to Doncaster, Manchester and Teesside
- Those in the Marshall Street, Holbeck, in Leeds area were advised by engineers to evacuate after reports of an unstable chimney.
- Neville Street and Victoria Street in Leeds had to be closed because of the debris blown in by the winds
- In Calderdale there were problems with falling trees causing obstructions on Leeds Road, Hipperholme and Northowram.
- Parts of the A1 through Yorkshire had to be closed to high sided vehicles after several lorries were toppled
- 35 mile stretch between Dishforth and Bowburn was closed to high sided vehicles.
- Lorries overturned on A1 northbound between Catterick and Scotch Corner and on the A6108 Downham Road in Richmond

January 27th 2008

- 30,000 left without electricity because of trees falling on power lines right across north England
- Winds of up to 70mph
- Leeds Bradford International airport suffered delays and cancellations due to winds

May 12th 2008

- A property in the Ribbleshead area was flooded and there were reports of people being trapped in a car by flood waters
- Flooding was not widespread. Just a small and specific area of Ribbleshead was affected