

Yorkshire & Humber Climate Change Adaptation Study

Recent Weather Events - Further Details on: Snow and Blizzards

February 28th 2001

- Schools closed in North Yorkshire due to blizzards which were causing power cuts and treacherous roads.
- Blizzards brought down power lines leaving 18,000 people in the North East and North Yorkshire without power.

March 2nd 2001

- Schools in Richmondshire were shut due to blizzards.
- Schools in Wensleydale at Leyburn were closed as snow reached up to 3ft deep in some areas.
- Residents in areas prone to flooding prepared sandbags for when the snow thawed.

December 25th 2001

- Police urged motorists not to travel and in North Yorkshire they were called to deal with 104 accidents in one day alone.

December 25th 2001

- Many accidents within minutes of each other occurred on the A1 in North Yorkshire and caused tailbacks on both carriageways.
- 13 people were hurt with three more serious casualties having to be airlifted to hospitals in Northallerton and Leeds by the RAF.

January 31st 2002

- Heavy snow led to a 20 vehicle pile up on the A19 at Cranthorne, North Yorkshire.

January 5th 2003

- First of widespread snow hit the region yesterday
- A57 Snake Pass which links Sheffield and Manchester was closed following heavy snow
- A6024 and A635 were badly affected
- Temperatures struggling to rise above zero
- Roads will be hazardous because of hard frost and the possibility of freezing fog

February 4th 2003

- Snow and ice brought roads and bus services to a stand still.
- Several inches of snow fell overnight in Richmond and Yorkshire areas, causing problems for drivers.
- The B6275 was closed for 1 and a half hours between Barton, North Yorkshire and Darlington.
- Overnight snowfall caused problems with the bus service in Richmond and Newton Aycliffe areas.

February 4th 2003

- A lot of the M1 motorway in South Yorkshire was closed after collision occurred between two lorries
- Collision occurred on the northbound carriageway near junction 37. the accident caused tailbacks down to junction 33 at Sheffield's Parkway
- Later on another HGV was involved in a collision between junction 36 and junction 37
- 8 vehicles were involved in 4 separate collisions
- Sleet had been falling over Bradford and it quickly turned to snow
- 2 inches of snow fell over parts of the Yorkshire Dales
- Road conditions had worsened by mid-afternoon with 77 minor accidents being reported to the North Yorkshire Police Department
- Major problems reported at Winton Bank on the A684 between Northallerton and the A19

- Craven and parts of North Skipton and West Skipton were worst hit
- 9 schools in North Yorkshire were closed with 1,900 pupils affected.
- Primary schools in Arkengarthdale, Gunnerslide, Leyburn, Melsonby and in the Catterick Garrison area were all affected.
- Risedale Community College at Catterick Garrison and Wensleydale School at Leyburn were also affected
- Hundreds of pupils at Ecclesall Junior School in Sheffield were also sent home

February 4th 2003

- Snow showers in the East of Yorkshire and ice on untreated roads and pavements, which lead to some minor accidents
- Car overturned on A628 at Holylandswaine on the outskirts of Barnsley, South Yorkshire, when it skidded on ice. The driver was in critical condition and had suffered serious head injuries

March 3rd 2003

- Blizzard conditions brought chaos to roads
- Localised snowfall and icy north winds expected to continue throughout North Yorkshire and the East Coast
- East Coast suffered 2-4 inches of snowfall with strong winds that caused drivers chaos
- In North Yorkshire a 20 car pile up occurred on the Northbound A19 near Cranthorne
- Major operation began to keep main roads in Scarborough clear as they were covered in heavy snow that had fallen and frozen in the early morning
- Scarborough's bus and postal services were disrupted
- Scarborough's Springhead School had to close as it took pupils from Whitby, Filey and Pickering areas via taxi service
- At Killerby, Cayton, near Filey, a single deck school bus and lorry were blown off the road. No-one was injured
- Osgodby Hill Top was blocked by a lorry trapped in the snow
- Severe disruptions on the A64 Filey Road and Seamer Road
- Heavy snowfall, rain and strong winds in East Riding
- Gritters worked through the night to keep main roads open and secondary routes passable
- 2 primary schools had to close
- 2 lorries jack-knifed on Helmsley to Malton road causing long traffic jams
- Newgate Market in York was almost completely deserted
- Trees had fallen and affected roads in Nidderdale and Wensleydale
- 3 high sided lorries blown over on A171 Whitby – Guisborough

December 22nd 2003

- Motorists warned not to travel unless necessary
- East Coast and North Yorkshire hardest hit
- Snow due to hit West Yorkshire
- Towns and cities including York, Scarborough and Pickering saw up to 2 inches of snow on local highways
- People told that if they must drive to stick to major roads
- String of accidents reported on the A170 near Pickering were vehicles were slipping on ice
- Parts of A171 near Scarborough had to be closed because of the heavy snowfall
- Cold front from the West will bring either snowfall or freezing rain that will increase the hazardous driving conditions
- Snow not expected to last till Christmas Day

December 22nd 2003

- Cars and lorries caught in snow drifts on A171 between Whitby and Scarborough in North Yorkshire.
- A169 at Blue Bank, south of Whitby, was closed as it was impassable.
- Poor road conditions on east coast and the North Yorkshire moors.
- Scarborough suffered hailstorm and damage from the heavy seas which stretched 1,000m along the seafront.

December 23rd 2003

- East Yorkshire and North Yorkshire thick with snow
- Snow likely to be washed away by impending rain
- Gritters out across motorways and major roads as forecasters predicted icy patches with heavy rain and snow showers
- In Norfolk a lorry was jack knifed in icy conditions on the A11
- Reports of 4 inches of snow in North and East Yorkshire

January 1st 2004

- Storms and blizzards forecasted
- Severe weather warnings for whole of Yorkshire, with snow predicted to be at least 10cm deep on higher ground and 5cm deep on lower ground
- Heavy rainstorm followed by frost left much of East Yorkshire impassable yesterday
- Villages by Hull and Beverley were under the most difficult conditions and by morning pavements were covered in a thick layer of ice
- A15 between Barnetby Top and the Humber Bridge was closed after 5 different cars skidded on the road
- Casualty department at Hull Royal Infirmary reported 70% of all patients had suffered weather related problems

January 2nd 2004

- Power cuts in North east and North Yorkshire that was due to blizzards and gales left 51,000 homes without electricity for 48 hours.
- 700 households were still without power in North Yorkshire.
- Majority of power cuts occurred in an area stretching from Whitby to Scotch Corner and down to Thirsk.
- Most snow melted on the 1st of January but Fylingdales on the North Yorkshire Moors still had 10cm left.

January 2nd 2004

- Snow reached up to several feet deep and caused about 43,000 homes across the North east and North Yorkshire to be left without electricity.
- In North Yorkshire, the Whitby area and the villages of Ampleforth, Easingwold, Sheriff Hutton, Oswalkrk and Leppington, in Ryedale were among the worst affected.

January 2nd 2004

- There were network problems that was affecting an area from the Scottish Borders to North Lincolnshire and from Bradford in the West to the East Coast
- By the start of 2004 43,000 homes and businesses were without electricity
- Hardest hit areas were the Yorkshire Dales, parts of the North York Moors near Whitby and Robin Hoods Bay, on the East Coast around Filey, villages north of York from Wiggington to Ampleforth, and an area around Scunthorpe in North Lincolnshire
- Some of the worst weather was at Fylingdales in North Yorkshire, where a foot of snow was recorded
- More than 600 homes close to the Yorkshire-Lancashire border were left without electricity after the snow brought down the power lines
- Gisburn and surrounding villages were affected
- In Leeds 9,000 people braved the freezing weather to attend New Years celebrations but hundreds had to walk home as the bus service was affected by the snow
- Many Yorkshire roads affected including the M62 and other routes across the Pennines
- Blizzard tore through North East Lincolnshire creating snow drifts on the A180
- 3 people were taken to Scunthorpe General hospital after a road accident on Doncaster Road

January 16th 2004

- North Yorkshire police closed several stretches of road because of the weather and the number of minor accidents that were occurring
- The A635, the Greenfield Road, near Holmfirth, Huddersfield was also closed by heavy snow

January 16th 2004

- Several roads were closed including the A66 trans-Pennine route and the A170 Sutton Bank near Thirsk North Yorkshire.

January 16th 2004

- In North Yorkshire a number of lorries were struggling on the A59 at Blubberhouses near Harrogate
- Difficult driving conditions on the A165, A169, A174, A171 and A64.
- 30 schools in North Yorkshire had to be closed.

January 24th 2004

- Temperatures expected to plummet below freezing as the three day chill blasts inform Canada and Greenland
- Worst of snow showers to hit North York Moors and the East Coast
- Very cold across West Yorkshire with temperatures dropping to -4°C or -5°C and not rising higher than 1°C or 2°C
 - A few centimetres of snow expected to fall over Leeds but as much as 20cm may fall over the Moors

January 28th 2004

- Low lying areas will see 2 inches of snow and higher areas should see 5 inches of snow
- Motorists warned to drive carefully especially on the Pennine routes
- High winds over North York Moors could create blizzard conditions
- Motorists advised to carry a shovel, warm clothes, food, water, boots and a torch in their vehicle
- Snow fell across North Yorkshire with strong flurries on the East Coast around Scarborough and Whitby
- 3 lorries stuck in snow on A171 at Clough Bank near Scarborough
- Temperatures will hover around freezing before dropping to -2°C
- Householders have been warned that the cold could cause damage costing millions of pounds because of frozen or burst pipes
- Rail and bus operators hoping to run normal services
- Engineering trains equipped with snow ploughs have been put on standby
- Leeds-Bradford airport was hoping to continue as usual but British Airways had to cancel 20 flights to and from Britain

January 28th 2004

- Roads across the region have remained open despite overnight snow and ice, but driving conditions are extremely hazardous over the next 3 days
- North Yorkshire worst affected with snowfall on hitting most rural roads
- "Arctic conditions" gripped Yorkshire Coast and North York Moors causing 30 schools to be closed. Snow reached 12 inches deep
- Minor problems with buses in Leeds but most of the schools remained open
- Routes into Leeds were virtually empty
- A61 Harrogate Road at Harewood was blocked along with A659 Otley Road
- In Leeds gritters were sent out to treat major routes and motorways throughout the day
- Highway Agency tackled major routes such as M1, M621, M606 and parts of the A1. 53 gritters were needed

January 29th 2004

- Most of Yorkshire region had snow
- North Yorkshire, Pennines and East Coast were worst hit suffering blizzards and snowfall of 5 inches thick
- Elderly man died when his car came off a snow covered road near Thirsk
- In South Yorkshire a man was in intensive care after his car slipped and crashed on the M18 near Doncaster
- 40 of Yorkshires 400 schools were closed

- Freezing conditions expected to continue
- Highway agency criticised for way it was dealing with the snow
- No major routes in England were closed
- 40% of Yorkshires 5,000 miles of roads were treated with 94 gritters and the help of 150 locally hired farmers
- Leeds-Bradford airport only diverted 1 of 50 flights
- Main line train services ran normally
- Milder temperatures expected with temperatures up to 10°C to 12°C

January 30th 2004

- A foot of snow fell in parts of East Yorkshire
- 700 gritters would be out on roads across the country overnight
- AA received 1,500 calls an hour. 100 extra patrols had to be deployed
- Grit and dirt posed another problem to drivers as it would get thrown up and stuck to the windscreens
- British airways had to cancel 88 flights
- Railways were suffering delays
- Lincolnshire and Yorkshire will have the snow start to melt and then freeze

January 30th 2004

- 24 schools still remained closed in North Yorkshire.
- North Yorkshire's roads were among the worst affected especially around Goathland and Whitby, which was hit by drifting snow and ice.

February 28th 2004

- North Yorkshire has suffered the worst weather with 25 schools closed and 50 road accidents
- In Yorkshire temperatures sank lower than -2.7°C in Bingley
- Schools closed in Malton, Norton,, Pickering, Kirkbymoorside, Helmsley and Whitby
- 49 collisions on North York Moors roads
- Several vehicles stuck in deep snow at Pond Hill near Fylingdales
- Most roads clear in West, South Yorkshire and Humberside
- Lorries weighing over 3.5 tonnes and school buses were barred from driving in the area because of icy roads

February 28th 2004

- 42 road accidents reported across North Yorkshire

March 1st 2004

- In North Yorkshire snow only caused isolated problems
- No roads needed to be closed. Accident involving 2 lorries and a car on A19 north bound near Thirsk.
- A684 at Ellerbeck near Northallerton was also closed.

January 18th 2005

- Blizzards and high winds forecasted
- Heavy snow hit Yorkshire and Humber
- Driving conditions treacherous and motorcyclists and high sided vehicles were told to check the weather forecast and possibly postpone their journeys
- 50mph gusts
- Drivers told to load their vehicles with warm clothes, food, water, boots, de-icer, a torch and a spade

- Hundreds of homes in West Yorkshire were left without power for 2 hours after a fault occurred with the underground electricity cables. Cut affected 400 residents of Bramham, near Wetherby

February 21st 2005

- Severe weather warnings for Yorkshire
- Heaviest snow showers expected to the East of the A1 and will then extend Westward
- Flurries have fallen across North Yorkshire along with ice to make dangerous driving conditions on untreated roads
- The A170 at Sutton Bank near Thirsk has been affected by the bad weather
- Drivers have been told to carry weather kits with them

February 22nd 2005

- Yorkshire hit with snow, ice, sleet and blizzards that is expected to last till the end of the week
- Heaviest falls around North Yorkshire and coast with lighter snow in the west and south
- 15cm of snow fell over North York Moors
- 8cm of snow at Fylingdales
- Heaviest snowfall in West Yorkshire was at Church Fenton which had 5cm of snow
- All major routes in North Yorkshire remained open
- Roads in north of the county, particularly to the east of the A1 were worst affected and required snow ploughs to clear them
- North Yorkshire Council provided 100 gritters
- Primary schools closed included: St Nicholas's Primary School at West Tanfield near Ripon; Rosedale Abbey Primary School and Sinnington Primary School, both near Pickering; Glaisdale Primary School, Lealholm Primary School, Egton Primary School and Danby Primary School, all near Whitby; Luttons Primary School, near Driffield, Osmotherley Primary School, Ingleby Arncliffe Primary School and Appleton Wiske Primary School, all near Northallerton; Ingleby Greenhow Primary School and Hutton Rudby Primary School, both near Stokesley; Brayton Primary School, near Selby and Slingby Primary School, near Malton
- In York All Saints School, Wheldrake School and Hob Moor School were closed and Fulford School closed early
- 3 vehicles collided in Pudsey Leeds because of the weather
- Network Rail was trying to prevent problems from occurring by de-icing trains, providing point heaters and using teams of workers known as "snowmen"
- The previous night temperatures had dropped to -3°C

February 22nd 2005

- Major delays reported on A64 near York due to bad weather and lack of gritters.
- 2 collisions on A1 at Scotch Corner and further south near A59 junction.
- 100 gritters were sent out by York council to deal with the roads and 150 farm contractors were put on standby to clear roads in remote areas.
- Key roads were gritted and teams put on standby in the event of further severe snow storms.
- 15 schools had to be closed in North Yorkshire.
- De-icing trains, point heaters, and teams of workers known as "Snowmen" were deployed to prevent problems in snow hit areas.
- York based trains were unaffected.

February 23rd 2005

- Gritters required on A1, A69, A68 and A66.
- 40 schools in North Yorkshire closed after 2 and a half inches of snow fell overnight.
- A169 closed due to blizzard conditions on North York Moors between Whitby and Pickering.
- Northallerton farmers market also effected.

February 24th 2005

- High level A169 Whitby to Pickering was closed due to heavy snowfall.
- Yorkshire and parts of Lincolnshire were amongst the hardest hit overnight with 5-10cm of fresh snow.

February 24th 2005

- 42 schools in North Yorkshire have been closed
- Heavy falls across North York Moors
- Heavier snow to arrive later on in the week
- Major traffic problems in South Yorkshire have caused problems with commuters in Sheffield whose journey time has doubled
- Smaller highways in Sheffield in a treacherous state with widespread ice and snow
- 2 crashes occurred in Doncaster in the Arksey area, 1 on the A19 near Shaftholme and the other on Tiltshills Lane
- Visibility on the M1 and M18 was reduced to 100m
- Motorists warned to avoid Hagg Lane in Crosspool, Sheffield because of ice and snow. A57 was also closed because of the snow
- Delays in Onyx waste disposal company collecting rubbish
- Warter and Sledmere Schools in East Riding were both closed and Walkington and Burton Agnes Schools closed at lunchtime
- In Hull St Thomas Moore and Kingswood Schools both had to close
- Road accidents and snow coverage were minimal
- West Yorkshire Leeds Council had to close all of its outdoor sports pitches
- 40 gritters on duty across Leeds

February 25th 2005

- More than 150 schools closed in South Yorkshire including 117 shut in Sheffield
- Bus services had to be curtailed with areas including Stocksbridge, Stannington, Crookes and Totley
- A57 Snake Pass to Manchester was closed and the Woodhead Pass was also closed after a lorry overturned
- North Yorkshire was the worst hit
- 38 schools were closed in North Yorkshire, most being in the Moors and Dales
- 100 gritters needed
- Worst affected areas were Blakey Ridge and Gillamoor
- A66 across the Pennines, A179 Pickering to Whitby, A635 Greenfield Road above Holmfirth, A6024 Holme Moss Road and the A170 at Sutton Bank were all closed
- A171 across the Moors and A174 coastal route were both extremely hazardous
- 7 inches of snow fell over Bradford and 130 schools across the region were closed
- Kirklees had 100 schools that closed
- Leeds had 7 schools close
- Early morning flights were delayed at Leeds-Bradford airport
- Temperatures will be between 3°C and 4°C

February 25th 2005

- RAC patrolman was stranded for 12 hours on the North York Moors. He had to be rescued by a local farmer who had to clear the path through 7 feet deep drifts of snow on his tractor
- Originally a RAF Sea King tried to rescue him but was driven back by blizzards

February 26th 2005

- 14 schools closed on Monday
- Hundreds of gritting machines have been putting thousands of tonnes of salt on local roads.
- Several inches of snow fell over the North Yorkshire Moors over the weekend.
- North Yorkshire County Council sent out 100 gritters as snow continued to fall.

- A19 was badly hit.
- As snow began to melt the Environment Agency put out flood watch notices.

February 26th 2005

- 5cm more of snow expected to fall on Yorkshire high ground
- Eastern parts of Yorkshire to get worst weather
- Queensbury School in Bradford was the only school to remain closed
- Shelley College, RM Grylls at Liversedge and Westborough High in Dewsbury were the only schools in Kirklees to remain closed
- Rishworth School at Ripponden, North Halifax Grammar and Heptonstall Junior were the only schools to remain closed in Halifax
- All closed schools in Leeds reopened
- Arkengarthdale Primary School, Gunnerside Methodist Primary School and Reeth County Primary School were the only schools in North Yorkshire to stay closed
- Dozens of flights across Britain were cancelled
- Roads over higher parts of Huddersfield including the A635, A640 and A642 were closed
- A57 Snake Pass in Derbyshire was reopened
- Temperatures would remain between 1°C and 4°C

March 2nd 2005

- North York Moors to bear brunt of snow fall
- 10cm of snow forecasted on high ground, above 400 feet can be found in parts of Huddersfield, Bradford and the Calderdale district
- 2 roads above Holmfirth remained closed
- High risk of ice, frost or snow and strong winds could affect roads
- Parts of A6024 Woodhead Road and A635 Greenfield road were under 2 feet of snow and closed

March 2nd 2005

- Blizzards sweep Yorkshire with British summertime due to start in 3 weeks
- Up to an inch of snow fell in an hour
- Light showers expected throughout the day but the temperature is expected to rise
- 13 schools were closed, Ralph Thoresby High School in Holt Park, Rainville Primary School in Bramley, Lawnswood School, Lawns Park School in Old Farnley, Hightown First School in Moortown, City of Leeds School in Woodhouse, Asquith Primary School in Morley and St Chads Primary in West Park
- A man died when his car crashed through some trees on the B1416 near Ruswarp outside Whitby
- Severe delays on the A61 Leeds to Harrogate Road around Harewood
- Eastbound traffic tailed back 11miles on the M62 near Gildersome, Leeds
- The road between North Rigton and Beckwithshaw near Harrogate was completely closed.
- Southbound on the A653 at Dewsbury Road in Morley traffic at Wide Lane junction was gridlocked
- A171 Pond Hill Scarborough to Whitby was blocked by 4 trucks
- A169 Pickering to Whitby Road and A170 at Sutton Bank were described to be hazardous

March 3rd 2005

- Schools closed in North Yorkshire.
- In North Yorkshire the route from Castleton to Blakey Ridge near Guisborough was worst effected.

November 26th 2005

- Sunshine over Sheffield, cloud coverage over Hull and mixed weather everywhere else
- Temperatures likely to drop to freezing over night
- Worst blizzards in North Yorkshire were at Scarborough where up to 4inches of snow fell

- Accident involving 2 cars occurred on Osgodby Hill, Osgodby, near Filey
- The Scarborough to Whitby road and the A165 road between Filey and Bridlington were both affected by the snow
- 10 gritters were working from 5am and 3 snow ploughs were used in the Filey and Hunmanby area

November 25th 2005

- Heavy snow occurred especially at black spots like Whitby to Guisborough A171 Moor Road.
- Whitby, Northallerton and Stokesley were among those threatened with extremely heavy snow falls
- Up to 10cm of snow were predicted to fall on the moors.

November 26th 2005

- Worst snow fall in the North York Moors and the Pennines
- Lorry stranded on A170 at Sutton Bank
- A169 between Whitby and Pickering was badly affected especially at Hole of Horcum and the A173 at Great Ayton was barely passable
- Areas surrounding Chop Gate, Kildale and Carlton-in-Cleveland were hit by heavy snowfall
- Snake Pass between Sheffield and Manchester had to be closed and there were difficulties in the Todmorden area
- 300-400 cars were abandoned on rural roads and accidents were reported on main roads
- Snow expected to fall near the coast and the West
- Temperatures not expected to reach higher than 3°C

December 28th 2005

- Temperatures plummeted below zero with snowfall covering most of the region
- Snow 6inches deep in some places
- Yorkshire and Lincolnshire have been issued with severe weather warnings
- A foot and a half of snow expected to settle over the North York Moors
- A1 A1M, M1, M25 and M2 were expected to be worst affected by the weather
- One road at Thixendale on the Yorkshire Wolds was impassable.
- Coastal roads and moor roads were badly affected
- Rail services disrupted by weather

December 29th 2005

- Temperatures fell as low as -5°C
- Freezing fog added to the weather problems
- Snow forecasted along East, but could also arrive on the Western fringes as a new front arrived from the Atlantic
- A number of football matches had to be cancelled
- Weather expected to be cloudier tonight

December 29th 2005

- Some petrol stations ran out of fuel after the Buncefield Oil Depot fire at Hemel Hempstead and the huge Christmas demand
- 12 inches of snow fell in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire drivers warned about black ice and low temperatures
- Handful of minor accidents have occurred
- A serious accident occurred when a car lost control by Beverley Racecourse in York Road
- A19 in North Yorkshire had only one lane open from Leake to Cleaveland
- Heavy snow settled at Sutton Bank
- Snake Pass in South Yorkshire remained open football matches had to be cancelled

December 29th 2005

- A171 Whitby to Guisborough was closed due to heavy snow fall again.
- One of the worst spots was at Scaling Dam on the North Yorkshire moors. Where drifting flow formed a thick layer of frozen slush.
- Up to 6 inches of snow was expected to fall on the North Yorkshire Moors.
- Minor roads posed a problem in North Yorkshire but major ones were cleared as priority.

December 29th 2005

- Delays on East coast main line when the wrong kind of air forced trains to slow down to speeds of 5mph.

December 30th 2005

- Snow drifts to hit parts of Yorkshire
- Heavier showers to bring 4.5 inches of snow, especially true for North Yorkshire.
- 40mph winds to accompany snow drafts
- Fog swept over York and Lincolnshire
- Temperatures dropped to -4°C in York
- 5 vehicle shunt on the A19 near Riccall after a lorry broke down when its braking system froze

December 31st 2005

- Thaw is on the way
- Motorists entombed in East Yorkshire after a crash called traffic jam when a van collided with a lorry on the A614 near Londesborough
- Over 200 cars were stuck at Arras Hill on the A1079 York to Hull
- At Market Weighton

March 1st 2006

- A64 Scarborough to York and A171 coastal road between Scarborough and Whitby were worst affected by sporadic snowfall and freezing weather.
- Several school closures in North Yorkshire due to dangerous roads.

March 4th 2006

- Heavy snow showers originally confined to the East Coast have swept across the other parts of Yorkshire
- Temperatures were as low as -9°C in some places
- Hull, York, Harrogate, Leeds and Huddersfield were all affected by the snow
- A59 at Blubberhouses between Skipton and Harrogate was closed

March 4th 2006

- Heavy snows hit Leeds, Harrogate and Skipton
- Overnight low was -5°C or -6°C
- Heavy and slow traffic on the M621, A58 and A64 in Leeds
- Rugby game at Headingley, Leeds, was called off
- Heavy snow led to closure of A59 between Blubberhouses and Skipton

March 6th 2006

- Coastal areas in Yorkshire were worst hit
- Vehicles abandoned across North York Moors
- Motorists advised to stay clear of the Yorkshire Wolds with the main road between Scarborough and Hull only passable with extreme care at Langtoft black spot

- Conditions also hazardous towards Bridlington, Driffield and York
- Several vehicles abandoned on A171 between Whitby and Scarborough
- Temperatures expected to be around 8°C later in the week

March 14th 2006

- North Yorkshire put a 50mph speed limit on A1 after a string of minor accidents near Dishforth.
- A171 Whitby to Guisborough was open but very dangerous as large sections of it were covered in snow.
- A169 Whitby to Pickering was badly effected by freezing winds
- Heavy snows fell early in the morning on A19 at Ellerbeck, near Northallerton
- Catterick Garrison was heavily snowed in

March 14th 2006

- Several accidents and delays reported across the region in connection with the recent snow and black ice
- Lorry overturned on the M1 on junction 46 slip road in West Yorkshire
- 2 westbound accidents on the M62 at junction 22 and junction 33 lead to the road being closed
- Fatal accident involving a car, a van and a HGV took place on the A66 at Mainsgill Farm west of the A1 and Scotch Corner junction
- 3 separate accidents involving cars who had lost control on the ice occurred on the A1
- Train services to Scarborough, Kings Cross, Ilkley and Huddersfield from York were cancelled due to bad weather
- The cold spell is said to have come from Scandinavia

March 15th 2006

- Leeds Rhinos were cost £20,000 after postponing their rugby match because of the snow

January 24th 2007

- Road accidents occurred across East Yorkshire
- Car slid of road into living room of house on Thorngumbald Road, at Paull, on the Holderness Coast
- Tractor went into tree on the B1251 at Wetwang
- Car skidded and landed on its roof at Fridaythorpe
- Head on collision between 2 cars on A1079 near Bishop Burton

February 7th 2007

- Up to 10cm of snow expected on the North York moors.
- Temperatures expected to rise and turn snow into slush making Whitby and Guisborough area extremely treacherous.

February 8th 2007

- 15cm of snow expected to fall
- Leeds hit by light snow showers with -2°C temperatures forecasted
- Leeds Bradford airport had to cancel 1 flight
- Motorists urged not to travel and those who needed to were urged to carry a set of warm clothes, food, water, boots, de-icer, a torch and a spade

February 9th 2007

- Mornings heavy fall melted to slush by the late afternoon
- Brief hail showers and rain hit East Yorkshire
- North Yorkshire had light falls but parts of the moors and dales suffered heavy snow fall
- Average speeds on motorways fell to 30mph
- 400 gritters were needed

February 10th 2007

- Heavy snowfall overnight across Yorkshire
- Pennine areas were worst hit. Up to 9inches of snow fell on higher ground
- Motorists were stuck in snow by Draughton
- Visibility on M62 over Pennines was poor
- Snow expected to gradually become confined to higher ground but the thaw of lying snow would increase the risk of flooding

February 21st 2007

- Blanket of snow reached 15cm deep in some places
- Yorkshire escaped most of the bad weather

December 10th 2007

- North Yorkshire hit by snow and the whole region was hit by heavy rain
- Bingley was worst affected area with 19mm of rainfall
- 5 flood warnings in Yorkshire

December 12th 2007

- Elderly woman collapsed in a blizzard on a walk in the Fells. North Yorkshire Police and Cave and Mountain Rescue volunteers had to work to save her

January 2nd 2008

- Snow hit Yorkshire
- In South Yorkshire the M1 was closed when a van overturned between junctions 36 and 37. it was closed for 2 hours with queues stretched back 6miles
- 30 road traffic collisions occurred in North Yorkshire
- HGV jack-knifed on A64 in Scarborough with 3 car collision near Appleton Roebuck
- East Yorkshire police warned of poor visibility on the roads and advised motorists in Pocklington to drive only if absolutely necessary
- Vehicles snowed in at Millington Heights
- A166 between Holtby and Wetwang including Garrowby Hill, the A1034 between South Cave and the B1230 junction were all closed
- Yorkshire's Moorland areas got the heaviest snowfall and temperatures fell to freezing
- Maximum temperatures of 1 °C or 2 °C

January 4th 2008

- 30 crashes reported in North Yorkshire alone
- Region one of Britain's worst affected by ice and snow
- Heavy snow showers in Leeds and York
- Accidents reported in Malton, Skipton Forge, Sherburn in Elmet, York and between Slingsby and South Holme
- No major road related issues in South and West Yorkshire although the region did suffer heavy snowfall
- A 40 foot fishing vessel needed the help of Scarborough's lifeboat when it was struggling in gale 8 winds

January 22nd 2008

- Heavy snowfall hit parts of North Yorkshire above 200m and up to 20cm of snow fell on higher ground

January 31st 2008

- North Yorkshire saw first of snowfall
- The A66 between Penrith and Scotch Corner was closed
- High likelihood of blizzard conditions and snow drifts
- 15cm of snow has been recorded in some places
- 20cm of snow could fall on higher ground

February 2nd 2008

- 200 people were taken to safety after being stranded by blizzards west of Bowes Village in Teesdale near Richmond
- In Yorkshire high winds cut cables down cutting electricity to thousands of homes

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- 150 vehicles were stranded on the A66 about 5 miles west of Bowes village, near Richmond, in blizzard conditions near the Yorkshire Dales
- Road impassable and would remain shut until it was safe to reopen
- Between 25 and 30 HGV needed to be rescued
- Electricity cables were brought down along the coast from the Scottish Borders to North East Lincolnshire, cutting power to about 6,000 properties
- Properties on high land in the North York Moors were worst hit with several thousand homes in Whitby and Scarborough without power
- In Grimsby roof tiles and other debris came loose in the win
- A1 closed for about an hour when 2 lorries broke down between junctions 46 and 47 near Wetherby

February 2nd 2008

- Power cuts affected 45,000 customers of CE electric

February 4th 2008

- 450 runners and walkers braved the weather to take part in the annual Rombolds Stride
- The race was 25 miles long and went over a snow covered Baldon Moor

February 10th 2008

- Pennine areas hit by blizzards
- Temperatures expected to rise over the weekend and thaw snow along with bouts of heavy rainfall
- 9 inches of snow predicted overnight
- Visibility on the M62 was poor over the Pennines

March 22nd 2008

- Tourists still flocked to Whitby, Filey and Scarborough, despite the snow
- Snow was heaviest in parts of North Yorkshire
- Over the past 50 years snow has fallen regularly even in lowland areas. Most notable years were 1958, 1965, 1970, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1982, 1983, 1986, 1994 and 1998
- In York, Tanner Row off Rougier Street is expected to remain closed to all after high winds threatened to topple a large weather vane on the former GNER headquarters building
- Reports of a shunt involving a van, a lorry and a car on the M18 at Rawcliffe near Goole.
- On the M62 near Goole a car came off the road
- On Hedon Road in Hull a car came off the road

April 7th 2008

- Weather warning issued for Yorkshire with snowfalls of up to 10cm expected on high ground such as the North York Moors and Dales and Wolds
- 2-5cm of snowfall expected on low ground across Yorkshire
- A614 in East Yorkshire was closed by an accident southbound between B1248 Station Road junction and Middleton-on-the-Wolds junction in Bainton
- Snow on B6265 Grassington Road between the A65 junction and Skipton reduced traffic to a crawl

April 7th 2008

- More snow showers to hit Yorkshire with predictions of sleet, hail and snow in many places
- North Yorkshire still badly affected with the A170 in the North York Moors near Thirsk blocked
- Snow and sleet showers are possible in Leeds till midweek when temperatures will start to rise

April 18th 2008

- Sheffield and Barnsley were among the places hit by the snowfall
- Yorkshire forecasted to be mostly cloudy with some rainfall
- North Yorkshire expected to improve but stay cold with brisk winds