South Ribble District – Weather Incidents Since 2002

Introduction

The following table describes weather related incidents that have been reported in the local press and have had a direct impact on locations within the South Ribble area. The list is not exhaustive but it begins to sketch out a picture of the types of weather events and incidents that have occurred since 2002 and are having a real impact on people and localities. Weather incidents affect people and localities in many different ways and can cause distress to individuals, damage to local infrastructure and heritage and cost money both for residents and to the services dealing with the impacts. The table simply displays details of the incident as it was reported in the press and does not attempt to determine the significance of any incident in terms of financial costs, loss of habitat or loss of life for example. Many incidents reported in the press tend to refer to weather events that have widespread implications for many locations rather than focussing on an individual street or town and these incidents are included within the general 'Lancashire incidents report'. (link to Lancashire wide report for full picture)

We continually update the weather incidents database and welcome any information on weather events that affect towns, roads, individuals etc so that we can add details of these to provide a fuller picture of what is happening on the ground. If you would like to tell us about a weather incident that has affected you then please complete the 'weather monitoring form' and return to the Environmental Policy Team.

Weather incidents table – 2002 to present day

Date	Weather Event	Location	Details of Incident	Information Source
01/05/2003	Thunder & Lightning	Brownedge Lane Bamber Bridge PR5 6TA	House fire caused by lightning strike.	Lancashire Evening Post
25/07/2003	Heavy Rain	Station Road Bamber Bridge PR5 6QR	In 20-25 minutes about 2 inches of rain fell causing localised flash floods. Homes and businesses were flooded. Damage to stock and carpets was reported.	Lancashire Telegraph
12/08/2003	Thunder & Lightning	Fox Lane Leyland PR25 1HA	Lightning starts fire in house.	Lancashire Evening Post
12/08/2003	Strong Winds	King street Whalley BB7 9SP	Tree struck down by storm falls onto bus at Whalley Interchange. The bus incurred £500 of damage but the driver escaped without injury.	Lancashire Telegraph

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20/03/2004	Storms	Hill Road Penwortham PR1 9YT	2 trees fell down in storm falling onto a property and across a road.	Lancashire Evening Post
20/08/2004	Heavy Rain	Station Road Bamber Bridge PR5 6QR	Property flooded 3 times in one week, resident ctitical of borough council for failure to sort out blocked drains.	Lancashire Telegraph
18/01/2005	Snow & Ice	M6 Exuton PR7	Slush and snow causing problems on the M6 near Leyland and charnock Richard leading to hazardous driving conditions.	Lancashire Evening Post
05/05/2005	Storms	Hoghton	Tornado damaged houses and power lines in Hoghton on the outskirts of Preston. Also damage to 15 caravans and trees fallen.	Lancashire Evening Post
22/05/2006	Heavy Rain	Lindle Avenue Hutton PR4 4AL	Two thirds of monthy rainfall fell in 3 days. Heavy rain caused the road and pavement to become submerged.	Lancashire Evening Post