

## **How flooding affects your area**

Some communities are more likely to be impacted by certain types of flooding due to their geographical location. Read more about recent examples of flooding and how it affected residents and businesses in the south west of Scotland.

At the end of December 2013 many parts of the south and west were affected by flooding. In particular south and east Ayrshire; Dumfries and Galloway and parts of Lanarkshire were badly impacted. While all the main trunk routes were passable with care in the area, many minor routes were closed or disrupted and some cars were abandoned. Train services were also disrupted due to flooding on the tracks.

Seven people were airlifted after a farm in Closeburn, Dumfries and Galloway became cut off by flood water following torrential rain.

In Kirkconnel, 28 residents were evacuated due to flooding.

At Rosebank, the main A72 road and several properties were flooded.

In New Cumnock on 30 December 2013 in excess of 80mm of rain fell onto already saturated ground in a 24 hour period. The A76 road was closed at Afton Bridge and many people had to be evacuated from their homes. SEPA's river gauging stations downstream of New Cumnock recorded their highest levels since records began there 25 years previously.