

How flooding affects your area – south east

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 east of Scotland.

Brechin and Comrie both have long histories of river flooding.

- In November 2002 the river South Esk in Brechin breached its banks leading to 30 properties becoming flooded and the evacuation and temporary relocation of residents.
- In October 2012, floodwater from the South Esk reached the thresholds of properties in Riverside Drive but did not enter the properties. Driving conditions throughout the Angus area were treacherous, with roads being closed and a number of accidents being reported as a result of drivers hitting standing surface water.
- In 2012, Comrie was affected by flooding twice within 3 months when the Water of Ruchill burst its banks. In August 2012 over 100 properties were affected and in November 2012 approximately 160 properties were impacted.

Milnathort and Perth have both been affected by surface water flooding when drains have been unable to cope.

- Approximately 40 people were evacuated from homes in Milnathort in December 2006 as flood water from the River Queich affected a pub, post office and houses.
- In Milnathort in July 2009, residential and commercial properties on the north side of New Road were badly affected when drains were unable to cope with heavy rain.
- In July 2010 and July 2011 several roads in Perth were affected by severe flooding during heavy summer storms that left drains unable to cope.

During the winter of 2013/14 a number of examples of flooding occurred along the south east coastline, in the Forth Valley, Lothians and upper Tweed catchment.

- In December 2013 a high coastal surge affected several communities along the east coast and the tidal gauge at Leith in Edinburgh recorded a 1 metre surge. SEPA issued multiple Flood Warnings for the Firth of Forth and high water levels could be seen in Grangemouth, Leith, Portobello, Musselburgh, North Berwick and Eyemouth.
- Heavy rain falling onto already saturated ground led to surface water flooding in other parts of south east Scotland later in December. This resulted in roads, transport links and properties being flooded. The upper Tweed catchment

area recorded some of its highest river levels in 30 years on the 30th December 2013.

- On 4th Jan 2014 there was another very high tide along the east coast however it was not accompanied by strong winds or high waves, meaning it had a different effect from the early December coastal surge.

Remember that being prepared for flooding can give you vital time to protect your family and property. Visit [Floodline](#) for more information.