

Recent Flooding

Over the last few months, the south of the UK has been battered by the wettest, windiest weather in 27 years. For many people, Christmas was spent without power as strong winds and heavy rain swept through the UK, leaving floods everywhere.

While Somerset was bogged down by the most water, areas including Tonbridge and surrounding villages were also flooded, with water levels going up to 5 inches of water at the high.

Water is still being drained in the countryside, mostly around the River Medway which burst its banks numerous times over the course of winter. The Prime Minister, David Cameron addressed the nation, claiming that – after talks with the Environment Agency – rivers would be dredged and deepened after the floods dissipate.

This caused outbursts in the public; for people in Somerset it has been known to take up to 2 months for water to go back to normal levels. In response, the Environment Agency said “if rivers are dredged now, all it means is that people downstream will have even more water to cope with.”

Both David Cameron and HRH Prince Charles have been to the nearby village of Yalding, situated on the Medway River, which was flooded so much that helicopter rescue teams had to airlift victims from the roofs of their homes.

For areas affected, it is estimated that the floodwater will be gone by the end of March, hopefully.

