

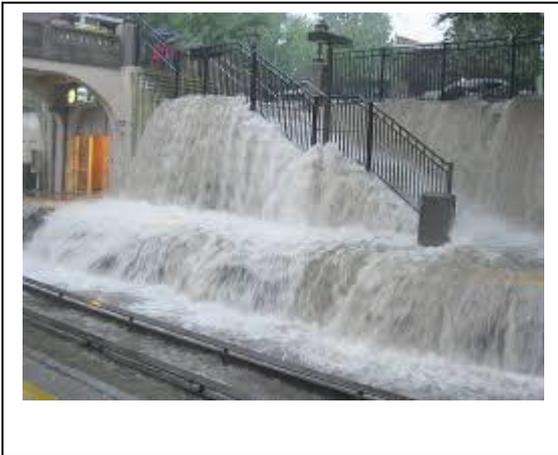
# Window to the World

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## Mother Nature strikes



Flooded train station steps

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### Flash floods hit west Yorkshire

Here in Yorkshire there has been a record breaking amount of rain, measuring 200mm. This happened over Christmas day and Boxing Day. So count yourself lucky that you weren't a person abandoning Christmas or Boxing Day lunch.

In Calder dale over 2000 homes were flooded over the festive season. To them Christmas does not bring joy but woe.

Within Bradford 400 and counting homes and counting have been flooded.

Beighly, Kielghy and Ilkly have also been affected. This is some of the worst flooding in 70 years.

Here is a statement from assistant chief constable Angela Williams.

*"The flooding situation we have experienced in West Yorkshire is quite simply the worst we have seen in 70 years, according to our partners in the Environment Agency. As a result we declared a major incident yesterday evening and received support from the Ministry of Defence who deployed 100 soldiers to assist with emergency and recovery efforts in emergency services are doing all they can and we will continue to do so until this situation improves."*

*I want to reassure residents of Calder Dale and Leeds that emergency Services are doing all they can and we will continue to do so until this situation improves."*

It will cost over 40million to repair the flood damage. Several roads have been closed in the area of Calder Dale.

### A quote from the environment agency:

The Environment Agency said "sustained and persistent rainfall" had flooded communities in

northern England and Wales despite river levels stopping short of some predictions.

Many areas of the UK. Such as aberdeenshire and Manchester have seen severe flooding. So avoid these places when booking holidays and trips.

Liberal Democrat leader Tim Farron has accused David Cameron of providing only a "short-term fix" for the problem. The leader of Leeds City Council, Judith Blake, said the funding was a "first step" in tackling the issue but was not going to be enough to repair all vital infrastructures.

Yorkshire is not the only place to be flooded as areas have seen great masses of water.