

Storm Abigail sweeps through Scotland

First British named storm cuts power and causes damage

Storm Abigail has left 12,000 homes without power as winds of nearly 90mph and lightning hit the Western Isles and north of Scotland. The rest of the UK can expect heavy, thundery showers throughout the day as a result of Britain's first named storm.

The storm reached its peak in the early hours of this morning and while it will ease through the day, it will be a slow process. Met Office weather warnings remain in place but the worst of the weather appears to have passed without causing major disruption.

Northern Ireland is also set for a blustery day, with winds of up to 60mph forecast in isolated areas.

Current Activity

Claims are slowly being received in Scotland but the volume is only slightly above our normal daily average. The areas worst hit are still without power so we anticipate receiving more claims once power is restored.

The main areas affected appear to be the Western Isles, Shetland, Skye, Colonsay, Argyll and Angus.

The majority of the claims received so far are for storm damage to roofs, tiles and external structures.

Expected Activity

Our ClaimsAlert® team are ready to take calls 24/7 and we will increase resource if claim volume does increase once power is restored to the affected areas and customers start to make contact with their insurers.

Our claims adjusters and building contractors are on standby to provide emergency assistance over the weekend.

We continue to monitor the situation and will issue further updates as the situation develops. If you require any further assistance please contact your Account Manager or indeed myself.

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Top 5 areas for storm claims

- 01 Western Isles
- 02 Shetland
- 03 Skye
- 04 Colonsay
- 05 Argyll and Angus