

Coastal towns and villages braced for storm surge *Floods, heavy snow and strong winds forecast for the UK*

Crawford & Company® has readied its surge response teams amidst a prolonged period of snow, tidal surges along the East Coast and storm force winds predicted for the weekend.

Environment Agency® warnings on Thursday 12 January and Friday 13 January said that communities on the east coast of England could face significant waves and possible flooding, with a number of towns and villages subject to an evacuation order by Police.

Meanwhile, wintry weather which struck Scotland and Northern Ireland during midweek and was expected to move south during Thursday and Friday had already caused disruption to transport links including air, rail and roads as safety measures were put in place.

Current Activity

The current situation is quite unpredictable with large portions of the country likely to be affected. Crawford® has resources placed at strategic locations around the country and 24 hour support to ensure that service level agreements are maintained and customers can be reassured in the event of a claim.

There is a risk of burst pipes in unoccupied or poorly heated properties causing damage.

We are seeing an increased volume of claims but not outside what we would expect to see for this time of year but we are gearing up for a spike later tonight based on the Met Office® warnings.

Expected Activity

We will continue to monitor weather systems and ensure adequate resources are put in place to handle any increased call or claims volume, particularly in relation to escape of water, floods and other damaging winter perils. We will maintain close contact with our clients throughout the weekend and update the market where appropriate.

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