Natural Resources Wales:

Our response to Storm Ciara and Storm Dennis

Our review of the February 2020 floods

The Met Office's confirmation that February 2020 was the wettest February on record will come as no surprise to the communities that endured the devastating effects of the exceptional rainfall and flooding at that time.

Storms Ciara, Dennis and Jorge arrived on the back of a very wet winter, and the resulting flood waters impacted 3,130 properties right across Wales.

For those homes and businesses affected, this was a deeply personal tragedy, and our thoughts continue to be with those still recovering and rebuilding.

We have since reviewed our response to the storms, focussing specifically on our flood incident management operations and looking at how current practices we adopt in the management of the NRW land estate could be modified to reduce the risk of flooding.

We published the outcome of these reviews on 22 October 2020:

February 2020 Floods in Wales: Natural Resources Wales' Response

February 2020 Floods in Wales: Flood Event Data Summary

February 2020 Floods in Wales: Flood Incident Management Review

February 2020 Floods in Wales: Land Estate Management Review

February 2020 Floods in Wales: Flood Recovery Report

Our Storymap tells the story of the exceptional storms in February and the outcomes of our reviews