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Bandon hit by floods for second time



Bandon, Ireland / Elizabeth G. Yokel / Press Release / December 7, 2015. [Irish Examiner](#) Reporter Catherine Shanahan reported today that despite the best efforts of the fire brigade, who pumped 5,000 gallons of water from the streets of the West Cork town, many premises ended up under a couple of feet of water, with sandbags providing little protection.



With no insurance, damage to property and loss of business, retailers on South Main St, Bandon, were yesterday counting the substantial cost of the second major flood in six years. The O'Leary and Daughters' Shop in Bandon lost €20,000 in timber flooring. Picture: Larry Cummins

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Fire service personnel continued, until approximately 3pm, to pump water from the streets of Bandon town after flooding overnight. Picture: Larry Cummins.

Bandon was not the only town struck by Storm Desmond, which inundated parts of the United Kingdom and Ireland with heavy rain and damaging winds over the weekend causing landslides and flooding forcing numerous road closures Saturday, according to the Associated Press. One of the hardest-hit areas was Cumbria, where a campaign has been launched to raise funds for flooding victims. According to the Met Office, the highest recorded rainfall in Cumbria was 262.6 mm (10.3 inches), which fell during a 48 hour span from Friday morning to Sunday morning. Many other areas across northern Wales and England was in excess of 100mm (4 inches) of rain during this time.

The combined effects of flooding and high winds also caused numerous power cuts throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland. Electricity North West reported nearly 60,000 properties with power cuts early Sunday morning. Widespread peak wind gusts of 60-80 mph (95-130 km/h) were reported throughout the day on Saturday. Winds gradually diminished early on Sunday morning. The [Met Office](#) reported the highest wind gust occurred at Great Dun Fell where wind gusted to 99 mph (159 km/h). Although Storm Desmond has exited the United Kingdom, the region should be on alert for additional rain and gusty winds through the middle of the week.

The [Met Office](#) is the United Kingdom's national weather service, an executive agency, a trading fund of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, and a member of the Public Data Group.

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