

## Autumn 2019 response and recovery

This briefing provides an overview of the recovery works being led by the Environment Agency following autumn 2019 heavy rainfall. Please contact our Recovery Team on [recovery.lincsandnorthants@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:recovery.lincsandnorthants@environment-agency.gov.uk) for further information.

In September, October and November last year, we saw significant rainfall. This prolonged wet weather resulted in heavily saturated catchments and high flows in many of our watercourses. This resulted in over-topping and damage to defences in some locations.

We know the devastating impact flooding can have, which is why protecting people continues to be our top priority. The Brant, Till, Market Rasen, Freshney, Louth and Horncastle flood reservoirs were all in operation last year, protecting around 8,000 properties.

Throughout November and December we inspected all affected river banks in Lincolnshire, checking their condition and highlighting areas needing repair.



Repairs are progressing well and are being prioritised. The two largest sites where we continue to carry out incident recovery works are at Barlings Eau (photo right) and Timberland Delph, where we suffered breaches in our defences.

We are continuing to liaise directly with affected landowners and parish councils,

keeping them informed of progress on local repairs.

The scale and programme of further works to recover from last year's high river levels will be subject to funding, yet to be agreed with government. As this progresses, we will continue to work with both our contractors and engineers to prioritise, design and construct permanent repairs.

We encourage people to sign up for free flood warnings by contacting Floodline on 0345 988 1188 or visiting [www.gov.uk/flood](http://www.gov.uk/flood). Being signed up to the flood warning service means we can warn people directly of any issues in the area that could affect their property.