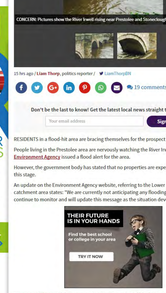
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Residents of flood-hit Riverside Drive nervous after new warning from Environment Agency



CONCERN: Pictures show the River Irwell rising near Prestolee and Stoneclough picture - Wayne Platt

23 hrs ago | Liam Thorp, politics reporter / Liam Thorp@N

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RESIDENTS in a flood-hit area are bracing themselves for the prospect of another deluge.

People living in the Prestolee area are nervously watching the River Irwell after the Environment Agency issued a flood alert for the area.

However, the government body has stated that no properties are expected to flood at this stage.

An update on the Environment Agency website, referring to the Lower River Irwell catchment area states: "We are currently not anticipating any flooding to property. We will continue to monitor and will update this message as the situation develops.

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"We are out clearing debris screens to minimise potential blockages and flow restriction.

"Further rain is forecast although this is not expected to result in any flooding to property."

The level of the river was does appear to be dropping however, having decreased from 3.55 metres this morning to 2.48 metres this afternoon.

Areas of Prestolee – specifically Riverside Drive – were badly hit by flooding in December after the Irwell burst its banks and residents living there are praying that their properties will not be affected again.

Riverside resident Karen Smith has still not returned to her house following the December deluge.

She said: "Obviously people are stressed that the river levels have risen, but they have dropped again and we are hopeful that we will be okay.

"The community is still hurting after what happened in December but we have to carry on with our daily lives so I'm positive.

"If the worst happens then I'm sure the community will pull together as it always has."

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Dikkidave 3:39pm Mon 22 Aug 16

poor buggers, just got houses sorted after last bout of floods and they're in firing line again, can't see it getting as bad this time but keep the armbands at side of the inflatable bed.

Doubt they could even sell up and move unless they want to sell for pennies.

Score: 1 Report

JustBecause 5:25pm Mon 22 Aug 16

Another scaremonger headline, the environment agency have said there is NO property expected to be flooded, not two fallen from what it was and that level was not even close to being an issue anyway.....

So whats the problem again ??

Score: 0 Last edited: 5:26pm Mon 22 Aug 16 Report

pimpmaster58 > JustBecause 5:30pm Mon 22 Aug 16

there is a flood warning out on the river still due to the weather you inbecile. the river going down means nothing still it will take is a bit more rain for it to rise again.

Score: 0 Report

MrUpton > pimpmaster58 5:55pm Mon 22 Aug 16

Yep maybe if the warning had been this prompt before action could have happened earlier. I'm sure the residents will be watching closely.

Score: 0 Last edited: 6:26pm Mon 22 Aug 16 Report

JustBecause > pimpmaster58 6:06pm Mon 22 Aug 16

Well read the warning again, you have read the warning haven't you, because now there isn't one, and the area mentioned above wasn't even in the flood warning area, so what's the imbecile ?

Score: 0 Last edited: 6:31pm Mon 22 Aug 16 Report

MrUpton > JustBecause 6:31pm Mon 22 Aug 16

Try seeing what's happened today in Yorkshire. If that weather moved across to todmorden the river that feeds the local one will be high too.

Score: 0 Report

JustBecause > MrUpton 8:21pm Mon 22 Aug 16

according to the environment agency website prestolee had no warning, the last being Dec 2015.

Score: 0 Report

MrUpton > JustBecause 8:52pm Mon 22 Aug 16

Fair dos . Pannick oberta Then for Then

Score: 0 Report

pimpmaster58 > JustBecause 9:04pm Mon 22 Aug 16

the warning comes under the lower river irwell catchment and there was one up to about 2 hours ago.

Score: 0 Report

JustBecause > pimpmaster58 9:20pm Mon 22 Aug 16

Do it doesn't, read the warning instead of hearsay from the DN

Score: 0 Report

pimpmaster58 > JustBecause 9:27pm Mon 22 Aug 16

the warning was on here you moron
https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warning/ffood-alerts

its still there from earlier on an expired warning under LOWER RIVER IRWELL CATCHMENT INCLUDING AREAS IN GREATER MANCHESTER.

Score: 0 Report

pimpmaster58 > JustBecause 9:29pm Mon 22 Aug 16

and this tells you that flooding was possible btw.

https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/station/5076?direction=u

Score: 0 Report

MrUpton 5:37pm Mon 22 Aug 16

Lets hope next time the self stylied self proclaimed one man security guard who joyously ranted he was carrying baseball bat around with them acting all ten men may try getting their hands dirty next time like the rest of the people who were really helping out with supplies and shovels in their hands instead of gobbing off via their keyboards at those people who were just helping out. I know this much because of a pebble dash wall that was there and a number of people less keen or excited to help were getting a few local Muppets phone hands. And those who appeared just for the new years eve photoshoot (excluding the resident who was affected)after all the work had been done maybe want to try getting their hands dirty next time instead being worried about broken nails and wanting to be remembered as to get themselves a free picture in the paper . It's no wonder the church dropped its involvement like a brick . Local gossips telling people about how they could do it all better yet all they did was lose the support of people who could have helped significantly in the future. Commonsunity spirit only works when you don't berate those offering their help.

Score: 0 Last edited: 6:12pm Mon 22 Aug 16 Report

Burnsy37 > MrUpton 6:32pm Mon 22 Aug 16

obsessed with me much.lan? I was on Riverside during the day the morning after the flood.Yet getting my hands dirty with my family and friends. You came a week later once the water had receded with your one man crusade to save the day. Unfortunately if it wasn't for those pesky kids you'd have gotten away with it ☺

Score: 4 Report

Patducker > Burnsy37 7:32pm Mon 22 Aug 16

Are you two village idiots adults ??? Because you both sound a bit thick....
Serious question ??

Score: 0 Report

Burnsy37 > Patducker 8:16pm Mon 22 Aug 16

I'm an adult. Not too sure about Ian though. And less of the village idiot. I'm just giving Ian some attention that he's missing since he lost his tour guide lowlan.

Score: 3 Report

MrUpton > Burnsy37 8:57pm Mon 22 Aug 16

Not true Bruce Burns i was there booing Sky . Pesky Kids ? What are you hallooning about now , What is it you think I was trying to get away with aside your paranoidal episodes of self grandeur perhaps epilghten us without embellishment if that is possible.

Score: 0 Last edited: 9:00pm Mon 22 Aug 16 Report

Ianhandley64 > MrUpton 10:17pm Mon 22 Aug 16

you was chased out of town when everyone found out your a con man.nr upton pity you was not thrown in the river with the rest of the crap.

Score: 2 Report

JustBecause 8:23pm Mon 22 Aug 16

http://apps.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood/34021.aspx?area=01&FWFCAKCS

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