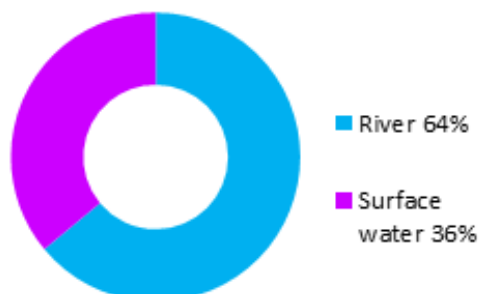


## Coldstream (Potentially Vulnerable Area 13/06)

Local Plan District	Local authority	Main catchment
Tweed	Scottish Borders Council	River Tweed

### Summary of flooding impacts



#### At risk of flooding

- <10 residential properties
- <10 non-residential properties
- £52,000 Annual Average Damages

(damages by flood source shown left)

Summary of flooding impacts

### Summary of objectives to manage flooding

Objectives have been set by SEPA and agreed with flood risk management authorities. These are the aims for managing local flood risk. The objectives have been grouped in three main ways: by reducing risk, avoiding increasing risk or accepting risk by maintaining current levels of management.

Many organisations, such as Scottish Water and energy companies, actively maintain and manage their own assets including their risk from flooding. Where known, these actions are described here. Scottish Natural Heritage and Historic Environment Scotland work with site owners to manage flooding where appropriate at designated environmental and/or cultural heritage sites. These actions are not detailed further in the Flood Risk Management Strategies.

Objectives

### Summary of actions to manage flooding

The actions below have been selected to manage flood risk.

<i>Flood protection scheme/works</i>	<i>Natural flood management works</i>	<i>New flood warning</i>	<i>Community flood action groups</i>	<i>Property level protection scheme</i>	<i>Site protection plans</i>
<i>Flood protection study</i>	<i>Natural flood management study</i>	Maintain flood warning	Awareness raising	<i>Surface water plan/study</i>	Emergency plans/response
<i>Maintain flood protection scheme</i>	Strategic mapping and modelling	Flood forecasting	Self help	Maintenance	Planning policies

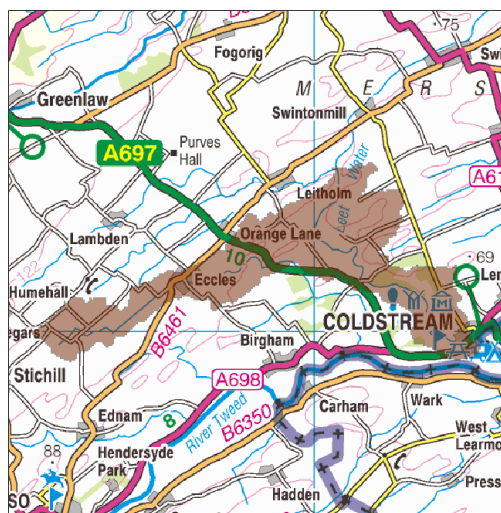
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## Background

This Potentially Vulnerable Area is 20km<sup>2</sup> and is part of the River Tweed catchment (shown below). This is a small, rural area in the south east of the catchment and contains part of Coldstream in its southern limits and the village of Eccles in the west. Its main watercourse is the Leet Water which converges with the River Tweed at Coldstream.

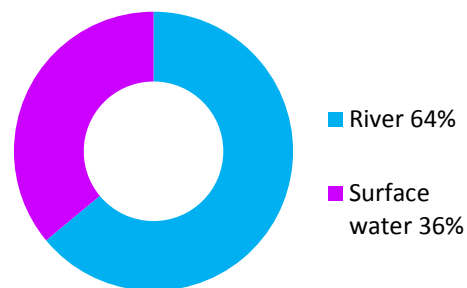


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The area has a risk of river and surface water flooding. The majority of damages in this Potentially Vulnerable Area are caused by river flooding.

There are fewer than 10 residential and non-residential properties at risk of flooding.

The Annual Average Damages are approximately £51,000.



**Figure 1: Annual Average Damages by flood source**

## Summary of flooding impacts

Work carried out since the National Flood Risk Assessment in 2011 has concluded that the risk of flooding in this Potentially Vulnerable Area is now relatively low. The designation of this Potentially Vulnerable Area will be reviewed in the next flood risk management planning cycle.

The highest risk of river flooding is from the River Tweed to Coldstream and the highest risk of surface water flooding is in north Coldstream.

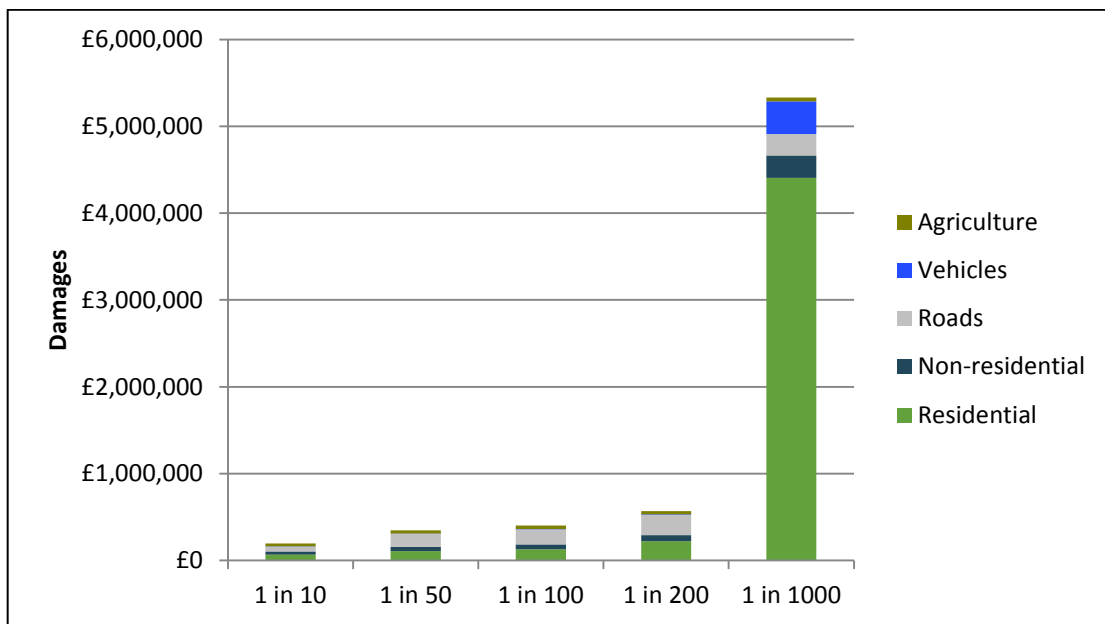
The risk of flooding to people, property, as well as to community facilities, utilities, the transport network, designated sites and agricultural land is summarised in Table 1.

The damages associated with floods of different likelihood are shown in Figure 2. For this Potentially Vulnerable Area the highest damages are to residential properties and roads. The location of the impacts of flooding is shown in Figure 3.

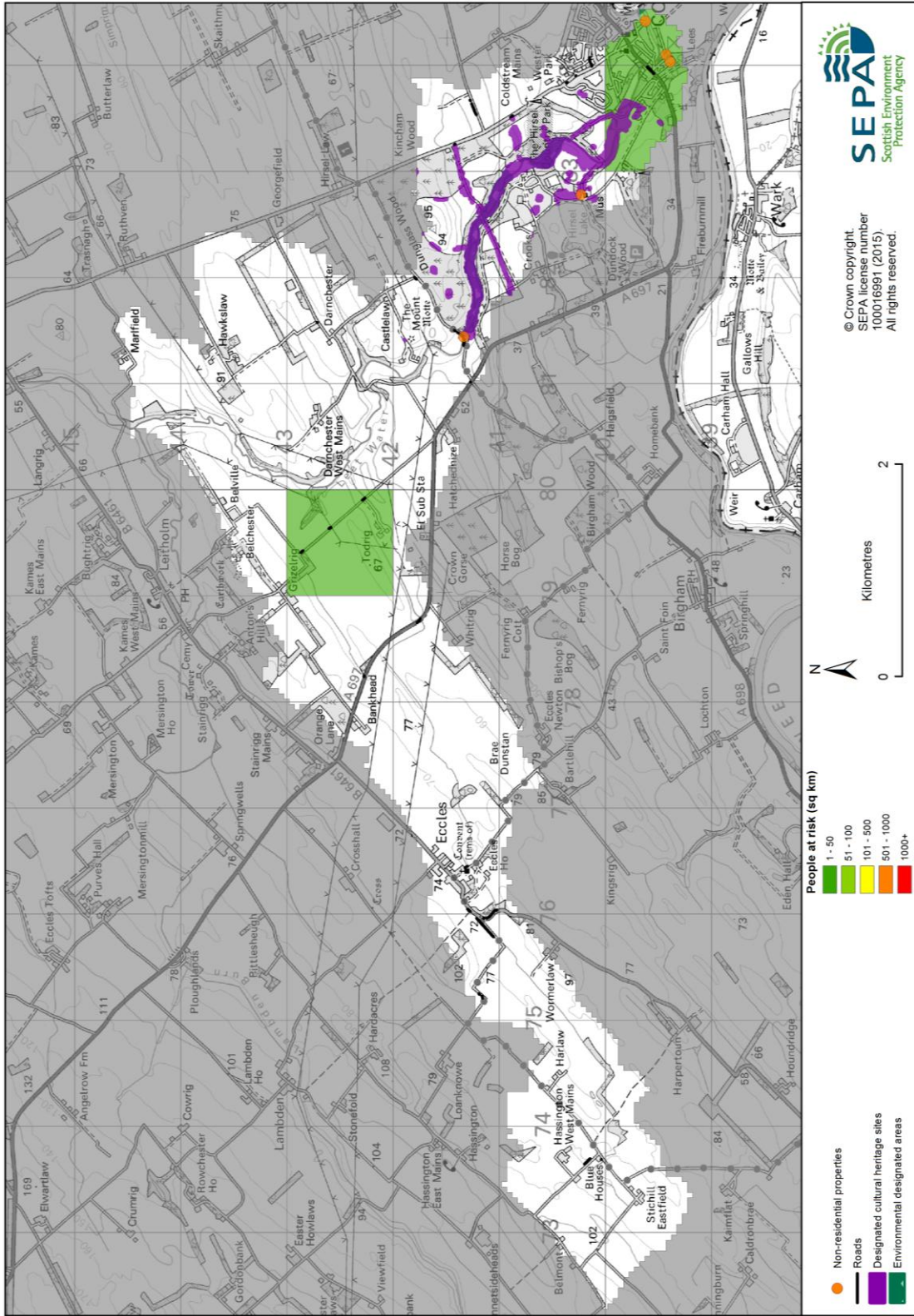
The figures presented for Annual Average Damages include damages to residential properties, non-residential properties, transport and agriculture.

	1 in 10 High likelihood	1 in 200 Medium likelihood	1 in 1000 Low likelihood
Residential properties (total 940)	<10	<10	120
Non-residential properties (total 150)	<10	<10	20
People	<10	<10	270
Community facilities	0	0	<10 Emergency services
Utilities	0	0	0
Transport links (excluding minor roads)	2 A roads, 1 B road at 6 locations	2 A roads, 1 B road at 8 locations	2 A roads, 1 B road at 11 locations
Environmental designated areas (km <sup>2</sup> )	0.1	0.1	0.2
Designated cultural heritage sites	2	2	2
Agricultural land (km <sup>2</sup> )	0.8	0.9	1.0

**Table 1:** Summary of flooding impacts



**Figure 2:** Damages by flood likelihood



**Figure 3: Impacts of flooding**

## History of flooding

A number of river floods have been recorded in this Potentially Vulnerable Area:

- 22 October 2002: West end of Duke Street in Coldstream flooded from River Tweed and Leet Water.
- 13 August 1948: Photographic evidence exists of the flood mark stone in Coldstream showing a flood peak level for River Tweed just above that for 1831. Extensive damage caused over a wide area.
- 10 March 1881: In Coldstream, the River Tweed was estimated to be 12 feet above normal level, inundating properties. Between Rosy Bank and Tweed Braes the water was a mile in breadth.
- 9 February 1831: At Milnegarden near Coldstream the River Tweed rose 23 feet on summer levels. Significant damage to properties and agriculture.

## Objectives to manage flooding in Potentially Vulnerable Area 13/06

Objectives provide a common goal and shared ambition for managing floods. These objectives have been set by SEPA and agreed with flood risk management authorities following consultation. They were identified through an assessment of the underlying evidence of the causes and impacts of flooding. Target areas have been set to focus actions; they do not necessarily correspond to areas at risk in SEPA's flood map. The objectives below have been set for Coldstream Potentially Vulnerable Area.

Target area	Objective	ID	Indicators within PVA
Applies across Tweed Local Plan District	Avoid an overall increase in flood risk	13001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt;10 residential properties</li> <li>• £51,000 Annual Average Damages</li> </ul>
Applies across Tweed Local Plan District	Reduce overall flood risk	13033	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt;10 residential properties</li> <li>• £51,000 Annual Average Damages</li> </ul>
Applies across Tweed Local Plan District	Organisations such as Scottish Water, energy companies and Historic Environment Scotland actively maintain and manage their own assets, including the risk of flooding. These actions are not detailed further in the Flood Risk Management Strategies.		



## Actions to manage flooding in Potentially Vulnerable Area 13/06

Actions describe where and how flood risk will be managed. These actions have been set by SEPA and agreed with flood risk management authorities following consultation. Selection of actions to deliver the agreed objectives was based on a detailed assessment and comparison of economic, social and environmental criteria. The actions shaded and then described below have been selected as the most appropriate for Coldstream Potentially Vulnerable Area.

Selected actions					
<i>Flood protection scheme/works</i>	<i>Natural flood management works</i>	<i>New flood warning</i>	<i>Community flood action groups</i>	<i>Property level protection scheme</i>	<i>Site protection plans</i>
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<b>Action (ID):</b>	<b>STRATEGIC MAPPING AND MODELLING (130330019)</b>		
<b>Objective (ID):</b>	Reduce overall flood risk (13033)		
<b>Delivery lead:</b>	Scottish Water		
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Not started</b>	Indicative delivery:	<b>2016-2021</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Scottish Water will carry out an assessment of flood risk within the highest risk sewer catchments to improve knowledge and understanding of surface water flood risk.		

<b>Action (ID):</b>	<b>MAINTAIN FLOOD WARNING (130330030)</b>		
<b>Objective (ID):</b>	Reduce overall flood risk (13033)		
<b>Delivery lead:</b>	SEPA		
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Existing</b>	Indicative delivery:	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Continue to maintain the Coldstream Town flood warning area which is part of the Tweed river flood warning scheme.		

<b>Action (ID):</b>	<b>FLOOD FORECASTING (130330009)</b>		
<b>Objective (ID):</b>	Reduce overall flood risk (13033)		
<b>Delivery lead:</b>	SEPA		
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Existing</b>	Indicative delivery:	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Description:</b>	The Scottish Flood Forecasting Service is a joint initiative between SEPA and the Met Office that produces daily, national flood guidance statements which are issued to Category 1 and 2 Responders. The service also provides information which allows SEPA to issue flood warnings, giving people a better chance of reducing the impact of flooding on their home or business. For more information please visit SEPA's website.		

<b>Action (ID):</b>	<b>SELF HELP (130330011)</b>		
<b>Objective (ID):</b>	Reduce overall flood risk (13033)		
<b>Delivery lead:</b>	—		
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Existing</b>	Indicative delivery:	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Everyone is responsible for protecting themselves and their property from flooding. Property and business owners can take simple steps to reduce damage and disruption to their homes and businesses should flooding happen. This includes preparing a flood plan and flood kit, installing property level protection, signing up to Floodline and Resilient Communities initiatives, and ensuring that properties and businesses are insured against flood damage. Scottish Borders Council offers discounted flood protection products to homes and businesses at risk in the Scottish Borders.		

<b>Action (ID):</b>	<b>AWARENESS RAISING (130330013)</b>		
<b>Objective (ID):</b>	Reduce overall flood risk (13033)		
<b>Delivery lead:</b>	Responsible authorities		
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Existing</b>	Indicative delivery:	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Description:</b>	SEPA and the responsible authorities have a duty to raise public awareness of flood risk. Improved awareness of flood risk and actions that prepare individuals, homes and businesses for flooding can reduce the overall impact. SEPA will engage with communities through the Scottish Borders Council Resilient Communities initiative. Local authorities will be undertaking additional awareness raising activities. Further details will be set out in the Local FRM Plan.		



<b>Action (ID):</b>	<b>MAINTENANCE (130330007)</b>		
<b>Objective (ID):</b>	Reduce overall flood risk (13033)		
<b>Delivery lead:</b>	Scottish Borders Council, asset / land managers		
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Existing</b>	Indicative delivery:	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Local authorities have a duty to assess watercourses and carry out clearance and repair works where such works would substantially reduce flood risk. They produce schedules of clearance and repair works and make these available for public inspection. Scottish Water undertake inspection and repair on the public sewer network. Asset owners and riparian landowners are responsible for the maintenance and management of their own assets including those which help to reduce flood risk.		

<b>Action (ID):</b>	<b>EMERGENCY PLANS/RESPONSE (130330014)</b>		
<b>Objective (ID):</b>	Reduce overall flood risk (13033)		
<b>Delivery lead:</b>	Category 1 and 2 Responders		
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Existing</b>	Indicative delivery:	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Providing an emergency response to flooding is the responsibility of many organisations, including local authorities, the emergency services and SEPA. Effective management of an emergency response relies on emergency plans that are prepared under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 by Category 1 and 2 Responders. The emergency response by these organisations is co-ordinated through regional and local resilience partnerships. This response may be supported by the work of voluntary organisations.		

<b>Action (ID):</b>	<b>PLANNING POLICIES (130010001)</b>		
<b>Objective (ID):</b>	Avoid an overall increase in flood risk (13001) Reduce overall flood risk (13033)		
<b>Delivery lead:</b>	Planning authority		
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Existing</b>	Indicative delivery:	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Scottish Planning Policy and accompanying Planning Advice Notes set out Scottish Ministers' priorities for the operation of the planning system and for the development and use of land. In terms of flood risk management, the policy supports a catchment-scale approach to sustainable flood risk management and aims to build the resilience of our cities and towns, encourage sustainable land management in our rural areas, and to address the long-term vulnerability of parts of our coasts and islands. Under this approach, new development in areas with medium to high likelihood of flooding should be avoided. For further information on the application of national planning policies see Annex 2.		