

# Tidal surge

## December 2013

5 December saw the most serious tidal surge in over 60 years, here's a look at some of the facts surrounding the event:



**5.8m**  
peak sea level (Hull)

Most serious tidal surge in

**60**  
years



**160,000**

warnings sent to homes and businesses



**18,000**

people evacuated



**London**

saw highest tide since the Thames Barrier's completion in 1984



**800,000**

properties protected by Environment Agency flood defences



**2,800**

kilometres of flood defences put to the test along the coast



**64** severe flood warnings

in place across the UK at the peak

**“Our thoughts remain with those people who have been affected by flooding”**  
- Paul Leinster, Chief Executive, Environment Agency