

Weather and Natural Phenomena

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1580	Earthquake, centred Calais felt along Channel and as north as York	
1590	Great Storm damaged God's House	4
23 Oct 1685	Great storm of thunder and lightning	200(15)
26 Nov 1703	Great Storm throughout Southern England Also east coast	9
25 Oct 1734	Earthquake	4,www
18 Mar 1750	Earthquake between 5 and 6pm damaged several houses	4,9, 200(46)
1 Nov 1755	Agitation of the waters This was an aftermath of the Great Lisbon Earthquake, effects of which were felt all over Europe, with tidal waves and tremors	200(49)
3 Jul 1760	Fearful thunderstorm	4
8 Oct 1765	Large meteor passed over London and Chichester, burst over Portsmouth	4
27 Feb 1781	Great Gale	4
21 Nov 1790	Extraordinary storm of lightning, thunder and hail	4
9 Nov 1800	Great Storm	4
10 May 1801	Earthquake	www
22 Sep 1810	Tornado, T8	www
14 Dec 1810	Tornado four houses levelled and another 30 unroofed Force T8 - 240mph	153 9
30 Nov 1811	Earthquake	4,9,www
4 Mar 1818	Gale - tide rose 5 foot higher than normal, Broad Street 2 feet deep by 9pm, Southsea Common flooded, mile long breach in shingle. Some buildings swept away at Point	153
4 Mar 1818	Lumps Farm area flooded after gale	5(61)
28 Dec 1821	Great Gale, sea up to Marmion Road	?
Jul 1822	Storm battered coast	153
17 Dec 1823	Great Storm	100
22 Nov 1824	Storm, Southsea Common flooded, sea wall at Great Salterns washed away	9
6 Dec 1824	Earthquake	www
27 Aug 1834	Slight earthquake	4
13 Feb 1841	Snow of Sunday and Monday enabled skating all around Portsmouth,	

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	Gosport, Southampton, Waterlooville, Horndean and Havant	89
Jan 1865	Gales	153
Feb 1866	Gale blew down 43 trees at Milton	5(61)
25 Jul 1872	1.5" of rain in 3 hours	89
18-21 Jan 1881	Great Storm - Baffins Pond frozen	153
28 Jan 1881	Heavy Snowstorm, all road transport suspended. Snow five feet deep. Cost £1,100 to clear	89
Jan 1881	St Mark's Sunday School collapsed under weight of snow	153
May 1889	Earthquake Tremors felt in Portsmouth	153
Nov 1890	Severe gales	153
Dec 1890	Great Frost	4
20 Aug 1891	Summer storm 1.52" of rain	153
14 Oct 1893	Great Blizzard	89
5 Jan 1894	-10C	153
5 Jan 1894	Great Snowstorm -18degrees of frost	4
1895	Ice on harbour	89
10 Jan 1895	Snow storm 3-4" of snow, 38-40 Chandos Street collapsed under weight	67
Feb 1895	Harbour frozen	153
Sep 1896	1" of rain in 6 hours, Clarendon Road under 3'6"of water	9
Dec 1896	Rumblings from earthquake felt in Southsea	153
23 Jul 1899	3.25" of rain from 2pm to 3pm. Old Portsmouth flooded, boys swimming in Stanhope Road	89
23 Jul 1899	Clarendon Road in several feet of water after storm, Edinburgh Road two feet deep	153
11 Aug 1900	Strong wind destroyed Lord John Sanger's big top at Clarence injuring people, one boy died later	9
24 Jul 1901	Southsea Common flooded	89
16 Oct 1901	Rainstorm caused floods, trams damaged by Commercial Road floods	89
4 Sep 1903	Floods at Southsea	89
6 Oct 1907	Commercial Road flooded	153

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27 Dec 1906	Snow at North End	PC
20 Oct 1907	Great Gale, esplanade broken up	PC
29 Dec 1908	Snowstorm	153
Spring 1908	Great Storm Storm	PC
27 Oct 1909	2.1" of rain, Clarendon/Malvern Road junction flooded	153
16 Dec 1910	Great Gale, Southsea Common flooded, Esplanade broken up	PC
16 Dec 1910	Hurricane force winds floods at Portsmouth	153
22 Jul 1911	Shade temperature 88F, sun 137F	89
22 Aug 1911	Great rainstorm, Broad Street flooded	PC
22 Oct 1911	French Ketch Leonie wrecked at Southsea Castle during storm	9
23 Oct 1911	Storm Commercial Road flooded	PC 9
25 Dec 1912	Great Storm, landing stage at Sallyport washed away, High Street and Southsea Common flooded Hilsea flooded	PC PC
25 Dec 1912	House in Cowper Road collapsed	153
Dec 1915	Heavy rain caused flooding	153
27-28 Mar 1916	Hurricane, roof of football stand blown off	9
Feb 1917	Victoria Park fountain frozen	9,153
3 Apr 1917	Snow Storm	PC
Jan 1926	Great Snow Storm	PC
13-14 Feb 1929	Skating on ice at Canoe Lake and moats, later flooding	89
Oct 1932	Winds of 110mph caused considerable damage	9
16 Sep 1935	Storm caused damage to berth No. 6 in Camber	95
Jan 1938	Hilsea Moat frozen over	9
Jan 1940	Velder Lake frozen	153
Dec 1946	Snow laid until Jan 1947	9
Jan 1948	Old Portsmouth flooded	9
Dec 1951	Rock Gardens flooded, due to high wind and tide	153
28 Oct 1952	Gales of force 11	9

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4 Nov 1957	Gale, widespread damage	
1 Jun 1958	Common flooded at Pier Road/Gordon Road	9
3 Dec 1960	Gale force winds 60-70mph	9
26 Dec 1962	Start of three month big freeze, lasted until March, harbour frozen over	9
1 Jan 1963	4" of snow, Langstone harbour frozen	9
25 Oct 1963	Earthquake	www
20 Oct 1966	Tornado damaged houses at Eastney	153
26 Oct 1969	73F warmest place in Great Britain	153
1 Dec 1975	Gale, roof collapse in Chichester Road	9
26 Mar 1975	Snow	
2 Jan 1978	Eastern Road closed due to high tide flooding and snow	9
5 Jun 1983	Giant hailstones ≈ 1"	
Jul 1984	Copnor Road flooded	
16 Oct 1987	The Hurricane, widespread property damage, many trees on common and in parks blown down. Green Farm barn partly blown down. Damage to South Parade Pier £21,000	9
	Garden House Rest Home, front collapsed; Copnor and Suffolk Roads gables collapsed	9
25 Jan 1990	The Great Gale, considerable property damage and trees on common blown down. Damage to South Parade Pier £30,000. Stone cross on roof of RC Cathedral blown down, tiles lost on St Marys Church. Gable end collapsed in Festing Grove, Strathearn Hotel wall sucked out, Boots in Commercial Road damaged, Texaco Garage roof blown into Eastern Road, roof of Pyramids Centre damaged	9
10 Jan 1993	Floods at Old Portsmouth	9,153
4 Oct 1993	Floods at Ordnance Row and Copnor Road after heavy rain	
9 Oct 1993	Copnor Road flooded	9
12 Oct 1993	Floods at Ordnance Row, Copnor Road, Amberley Road, Waverley Road, and Odeon at North End	9
22/23 Nov 1993	Lowest temperature since 1925 -5.5C, Baffins Pond partly frozen	9
30 Dec 1993	Floods at Copnor Road by Civil Service Ground, Fratton Road, London Road by Old London Road, Duisberg Way, Seafront, Burrfield Fleet overflow banks flooded golf course.	
6 Jan 1994	Snow	9

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15 Feb 1994	Snow	9
24 Jun 1994	14.6mm of rain during thunderstorms in three hours from 6:45 to 10pm, London Road at Hilsea flooded	9
18 Feb 1997	Gales caused minor damage to property	
22 Jun 1997	Thunderstorm around 1.45pm caused flooding in London/Kingston/Chichester Roads, Odeon (North End), St Saviours.	
9 Nov 1997	Severe overnight storms, houses damaged in Purbrook Road, plus 1.5" rain	9
16 Dec 1997	2" of snow	
24 Dec 1997	Gales caused minor damage to roofs	
4 Jan 1998	Storm, sea over promenade, Victoria Park Conservatory damaged, some walls and trees blown down	9
17 Oct 1998	Overnight rain 1.25" and gales, tree blown down at junction of Lake Road and Alexandra Road	9
24 Oct 1998	1.25" of rain gale force winds, some property damage and trees blown down	9
2 Jun 1999	2" of rain early morning	9
24 Sep 1999	Heavy rain 0.43", flooding at Hilsea	9
24 Dec 1999	Gales, heavy rain	
15 Sep 2000	Rain started at 7.30am, very heavy all morning, torrential around mid-day, approx 2.75". Floods at Albert Road, Brandon Road, Clarendon Road, Florence Road, The Strand, Somerset Road, Dundas Lane, Tangier Road. Up to 5 feet deep in areas. Henderson Road - Eastney Pumping station flooded and out of action	
30 Oct 2000	Storm early morning, floods in Copnor Road, London Road, Fratton Road, trees down in Museum Road, Pier Road, Copnor Road, Southsea Common. Roofs damaged in Warspite Close, Matapan Road and Howard Road	
9 Aug 2001	1" of rain caused widespread flooding, Beaulieu Road, Beck Street, Binstead Road, Cascades Centre, Copnor Road, Edinburgh Road, St Marks Church Derby Road, Fifth Street, Fratton Road, Glencoe Road, Guildhall Walk, Gunwharf Quays, Hard, Highgate Road, Inverness Road, Isambard Brunel Road, Kingston Crescent, Kingston Road, North End Avenue, Ordnance Row, Peronne Road, Queens Road, St Pirans Avenue, Sheffield Road, Stamshaw Avenue, Tangier Road, Tokio Road	9
21 Aug 2001	Freak 8ft waves alongside South Parade Pier	9
26 Jan 2002	Rear wall of Keppel's Head collapsed in gale force winds	9
1 Feb 2002	Shingle along seafront roads, three windows blown out at Baltic House	9
18 Mar 2002	55mph winds, roof blown off of block at St Edmunds School	9

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9 Sep 2002	19.8mm of rain up to 5pm, 10mm in last hour, plus gusting winds. Some damage to trees and hoardings. Burrfields Road flooded by the fleet	
31 Oct 2003	23.2mm of rain. Flooding on some roads including Copnor and Milton Roads	
28 Jan 2004	Thunder, lightning and blizzard bewteen 6pm and 6.30pm - 1cm of snow	
30-31 Jan 2004	Gales	
22-23 Jun 2004	Gales of 45mph and 10mm of rain, caused roof damage in Heyward Road, trees down in Binsteed Road, Canoe Lake. Large sycamore in Milton Park blew down across Milton Road	9
24 Jun 2005	Early evening thunderstorm and heavy rain, Southern Water pumping station at Old Portsmouth hit by lightning, Currys at Ocean Park also hit by lightning and flooded. Copnor Road flooded	9
28 Jun 2005	Early evening thunderstorm, flat at Farmside Gardens, Hilsea hit by lightning	9
19 Aug 2005	Thunder storm at 5am. Copnor Road flooded by Roko (Civil Service Sports Ground) to depth of 2 feet. 15mm rain	9
4 Sep 2005	Thunder storm with 180 flashes per minute 9-10pm, 18mm rain, flooding at Teddington Road	9
19 May 2006	Overnight gales, tree blown down in Lincoln Road	9
15 Sep 2006	8:15am 16mm of rain in 10 minutes, floods at Flying Bull Lane school, St Edmunds school, Magistrates Court Cells, Anglesea Road, Chelsea Road, Fratton Road, Northern Parade, White Hart Road	9
7 Dec 2006	1" of rain overnight Copnor Road flooded by bridge	9
11 Jan 2007	Gale force winds - tree down at Hilsea across railway line, beech tree down at Milton Park	
18 Jan 2007	Gale force winds - South Parade Pier canopy glass panes blown out, seafront closed, windows on 5 th floor of Mercantile House shattered	9
18 Nov 2007	26mm of rain	9
3 Dec 2007	Gales of 70mph, gable end collapsed in New Road East	9
8-9 Dec 2007	Vernon Road, gardens flooded after weekend storms	9
26 May 2008	30mm of rain, Clarendon Road flooded by Strand pub, Old London Road	
Jan 2009	Coldest since 1979 with 6 th low of -7C, Canoe Lake and Baffins Pond iced over	9
2 Feb 2009	1.5" of Snow overnight	
15 Nov 2009	70mph winds, two gables in Balfour Road and Green Lane collapsed	9
6 Jan 2010	2" of snow overnight plus another 2" in the morning, Canoe Lake frozen over	

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25 Aug 2010	1.5" of rain, Copnor Road flooded by Amberley Road/Gatcombe Park about 4", Clarendon Road flooded, seven properties damaged by sewage	9
9 Nov 2010	Fratton Park, Chandos Rise flats and Eastney swimming pool, Lake Road/Holbrook Road junction, Locksway Road, Manor Road, Anglesea Road, Fratton Road flooded after heavy overnight rain	9
1 Dec 2010	Light snow overnight	
2 Dec 2010	4" of snow overnight	
18 Dec 2010	0.5" of snow overnight	
3 Jan 2012	Gales, windows blown out of Mercantile House, Tree down in New Road, Fordingbridge Road roofs damaged, Kingston Road roof damage, Debenhams Commercial Road sign damage	9
3 Feb 2012	Cold spell, -6C Baffins Pond partially frozen	
25 Apr 2012	Scaffolding at Royal Beach Hotel collapsed in strong winds	
18 Jan 2013	1.5" of snow	
22 Oct 2013	Thunderstorm in evening, caused football match to be stopped at half time and flooding in the Milton Road	
27 Oct 2013	Gale force winds, trees down on Southsea Common, Burrfields Road, Tangier Road and London Road	
6 Dec 2013	Floods at Camber by Bridge Tavern	
18 Dec 2013	64mph gales, two trees down in Tangier Road	
23 Dec 2013	74mph gales, advertising billboard blown down in Henderson Road, trees down in Copnor Road, Eastern Road flooded at Burrfields	
1 Jan 2014	Gales, Eastern Road closed Tangier Road to Airport Service Road	
3 Jan 2014	Spring tide and gales, East Street, Old Portsmouth flooded, shingle on seafront roads	
5 Feb 2014	Rock Gardens flooded to height of seats in lower gardens, Canoe Lake over brimming to cover footpaths, bandstand area flooded; boat deck of South Parade Pier broken up and washed up on beach; three trees down in Tangier Road, one at rear of Rose Gardens	
14 Feb 2014	Gales, gable collapse in Langstone Road, trees down in Duisberg Way, Hampshire Terrace, Landport Terrace and Pier Road	
23/24 Aug 2015	Milebush Road and Longfield Road flooded	
27/28 Mar 2016	Storm Katie, Stubbington Avenue gable end collapsed, 2 Epworth Road gable end collapsed, flat roof of Jacob House, Aylward Street ripped off, tree down in Tangier Road (north side of pond near 100) and Hilsea Lido	