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Nature forces life to a standstill across UK

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More than 500 homes and businesses were flooded across Wales and England during Storm Bert, it has emerged.

In Wales, the first minister, Eluned Morgan, said 400 homes had been damaged as well as businesses and infrastructure, and reviews were being done to find out why some householders appeared not to have received warnings in time.

The UK environment secretary, Steve Reed, said 107 properties had been hit in England and that more flooding was likely this winter.

Some people were only warned about the flooding by neighbours banging on their doors. During first minister's questions in the Welsh Parliament, opposition politicians asked Morgan why and suggested lessons had not been learned since Storm Dennis wreaked havoc in Wales in 2020.

The UK Met Office, KNMI and Met Eireann in Ireland name storms to make communication about severe weather easier. Storm Conall, which came days after Bert finished, is the third named storm of the 2024-25



season, following Ashley in October and Bert in November. Conall led to 100 flood warnings being put in place.

Morgan said: "We will need to work with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) in terms of seeing if there could have been better warning." She said more than 95,000 messages were sent by NRW and 46,000 customers were reached. "So, they did quite a lot. The question is: could they have done more? And that is something that clearly will need to be analysed."

She said lessons had been learned from Storm Dennis and £300m had been invested. But she also admitted: "There will be times when it will be difficult for us to protect every property in Wales with the changes in climate."

Extreme rainfall is more common and more intense because of human-caused climate breakdown across most of the world, particularly in Europe. This is because warmer air can hold more water vapour. Flooding has most likely become more frequent and severe as a result.

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WHAT
do scientists
think is causing
extreme rainfall?

ANSWER:
Climate
change

WHO
is the Welsh
First Minister?

ANSWER:
Eluned
Morgan

WHERE
did Storm
Dennis hit?

ANSWER:
Wales

WHEN
did Storm
Ashley hit?

ANSWER:
October
2024

WHY
were people in
Wales angry?

ANSWER:
They weren't
given enough
warning

HOW
many schools
closed due
to snow?

ANSWER:
Over 500



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