DARWEN & RURAL

Significant risks | Very High | High | Medium | Low | Very Low
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Extreme Weather | Heavy Snow/Heatwave | Drought | | | | Storms & gales
Forest/Moorland Fire | | ✓ | | | |
Transport | Local accident on motorway | | | Railway accident | |
In Blackburn with Darwen, there are a total of 1842 properties identified as being at risk from flooding from rivers. Darwen does tend to suffer from frequent flash flooding. The Environment Agency offers a flood warning service to 608 of these properties that are within 3 formal flood warning areas. Of the people fully registered for the flood warning service for the 3 flood warning areas in Blackburn, 85 are commercial properties and 188 are residential properties.

**Earcroft** ward is located to the South of the M65 motorway at junction 4. It encompasses the Birch Hall and Anchor residential areas and the industrial estate around Hollins Road. The ward covers some 243 hectares.

**Marsh House** is situated towards the South of the borough on the South-Eastern edge of Darwen. It is a mixed area of housing and open land encompassing the residential area of Spring Vale Garden Village, Turncroft and Marsh House Lane. The old ward boundary covered almost 400 hectares.

**Sudell** ward is situated in the centre of the borough in the East of Darwen. It is a mixed area of residential properties and some open land including the Chapel, Two Gates and St James residential areas. The old boundary covered almost 167 hectares.

**Sunnyhurst** is situated in the centre of the Borough to the West of Darwen. It is a mixed area of residential housing and open moor land. It contains most of Darwen town centre; the residential areas or Sunnyhurst and Belgrave and to the West, Darwen Tower. The ward covers almost 417 hectares.

**Whitehall** is situated in the South West of the borough in the South of Darwen. A mixed area of housing and open land, it spans the A666 and contains Whitehall park. The ward covers approximately 757 hectares.

The total population for Darwen and Rural is 26.447 thousand people.

**Railways**

Within the rail network between Darwen and Entwistle stations, lies the Sough tunnel, which is 1,850 meters long and is one of the longest in the UK. Network Rail currently own and maintain the tunnel working with emergency services to put emergency plans in place in the event of an incident.