

Ten deadly weather events that shook Britain

Video transcript: Boscastle 2004 - a village upended

Duncan Kennedy reports from Boscastle in 2014 - ten years after the disaster: Two million tons of water surged through the village that day. The rescue scenes were stunning: Peter Templar and his entire family who were winched up.

Peter Templar: If those helicopters hadn't arrived, and if that had gone on another half an hour, then I think a lot of us would have perished.

Duncan Kennedy: Seven inches or 20 centimetres of rain fell in just 24 hours. It really was shocking and this is exactly where it happened. One hundred and thirty cars were washed out to sea, 32 of which were never found again. Incredibly no lives were lost on that day and the worst injury was a broken thumb. In the ten years since, £10 million has been spent rebuilding everything from shops to riverbanks.

Boscastle resident: People come down and visit and say "what have you done since the flood?" and say "it looks like you haven't done anything to prevent it happening again." We can honestly say that we've actually got a flood defence scheme now and it looks part of the village.

Duncan Kennedy: Not many scenes like this have a happy ending, but here it did. Ten years on, a village no longer upended, but moving forward.