

Appendix Four – Significance Of Site in National Media / Social Networks

Figure A – ‘Viral’ Photograph



Figure B - Agents Sign and Flooding

Megaphone man stands up for Lancashire's forgotten villagers



he raised the village's plight on live TV
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People in the Lancashire village of Billington said yesterday that they had been abandoned by the Environment Agency and other emergency services.

As the Calder river burst its banks and flood water swept across fields that lie in the shadow of Whalley Arches, near Clitheroe, villagers said their plight had been forgotten – until Harry Stephenson stepped in.

Figure D – Newspaper Articles

Figure C – Longworth Road



Family dreams and memories left in tatters

Nigel Bunyan Billington

Two days after being overwhelmed by the Boxing Day floods, the "forgotten" village of Billington in Lancashire was still a scene of devastation yesterday.

On Sunday Harry Stephenson had staged a one-man demonstration, interrupting a live television broadcast in neighbouring Whalley to draw

attention to the villagers' feeling of abandonment. Yesterday a giant skip had been placed for villagers to dump their waterlogged, ruined possessions in. There were suites, sideboards, carpets, washing machines, driers, fridges and fridge freezers, as well as once-cherished pictures.

Somewhere at the bottom was the chair that had belonged to Barbara

Templeman's father, Kenneth. For 16 years Mrs Templeman, 63, had given it pride of place in the lounge of the two-bedroom terrace she shares with her husband, David, 69.

But on Boxing Day, as the Calder burst its banks and ran through the street that has been her home since childhood, she had neither the strength nor the time to move it.

By the time she returned the next morning it was ruined beyond repair.

"I wouldn't let them take it away at first," she said tearfully. "I just thought that somehow it might have been possible to restore it. But really, it was too badly damaged."

"Once this is over I'll try to buy a new chair in dad's memory. Until then I'll try to shut it out of my mind."

Like her neighbours, she has enough to think about. About 70 of them, all from the same street under the Whalley Arches, a railway viaduct in the Ribblesdale valley above Blackburn, are without gas and proper sanitation. Insurance assess-

Appendix Five – Photographs Of Extent of Flooding 26th of December 2015



Car Floating in Flood Water

Appendix Six – Screen Shot Of Government Flood Warnings Dated: 26th of December 2015 and the 17th March 2017

