

MUSSELBURGH FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME

Information on historic flooding

This is a Public Info Notice Board – Notice Board Number 3 of 4 – Located beside Shorthope Street Footbridge

Is Musselburgh at risk of flooding?

The town of Musselburgh sits at the mouth of the River Esk on the Firth of Forth and the town's river corridor and coastal strip sit on low ground which is susceptible to flooding for a number of flooding sources, namely:

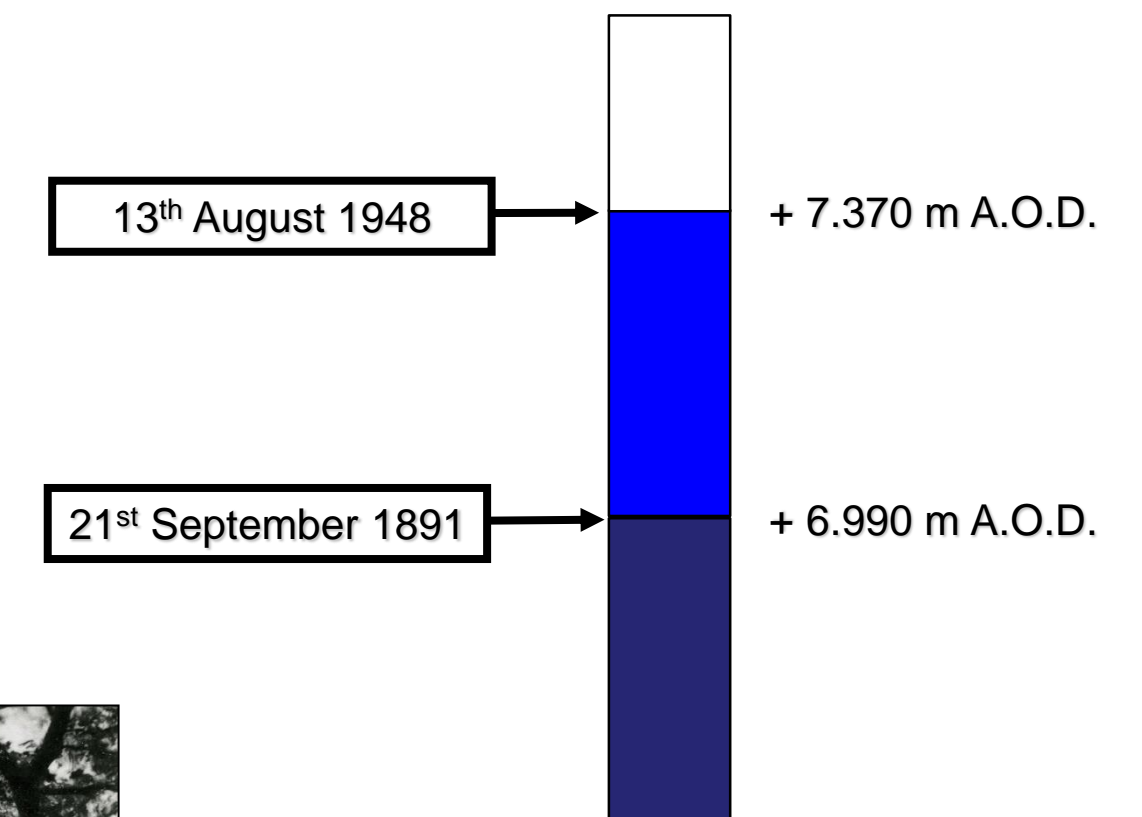
- The River Esk
- The Firth of Forth – both over Fisherrow Promenade and from backing up the town's watercourses
- The Musselburgh Mill Lade
- The Pinkie Burn
- Along with groundwater and secondary flooding risks

The Scheme is currently developing a computer-based Hydraulic Model of these water systems so that flood maps can be generated which will confirm the actual level of flood risk to the town. Once that flood level is confirmed a process will then be commenced to determine the most appropriate flood risk reduction options through which that risk can be reduced and thereby the town protected.

We will present the flood risk and the flood risk reduction options through a formal Public Exhibition during Summer 2019.

What does the Marker Post at Eskmills Show?

The actual flood water levels of the 1891 and 1948 floods were recorded on the external wall of the Musselburgh Paper Mill Gatehouse which once stood at Eskmills. The gatehouse was demolished during the late 1970's, however before it was demolished the flood levels were recorded to Ordnance Survey Datum by a Council Engineer. These flood levels have been replicated on a Marker Post which is located adjacent to the river pathway at Eskmills, so that the people of Musselburgh have access to this information once again, and so that you can 'experience' the scale of flooding that took place on those occasions.



Flood Level Marker Post
(Located beside path, Eskmills)

Do you have information on flooding in Musselburgh?

The Scheme's Project Team will be in The Brunton Theatre on Tuesday 26th September 2019.

If you have any historic information – photos, records or memories – and would like to share them with the Scheme we invite you to come along.

We look forward to hearing from you.

