

Response: Storm Ciarán, UK

Teams deployed within six hours to carry out welfare checks on the vulnerable, in the wake of major power outages.



Response overview:

- Request for assistance received on 01 November.
- Within six hours, four teams of volunteer Responders were ready to deploy.
- 19 Responders deployed in four teams to Solent, Melksham, Poole and the New Forest.
- 340 welfare checks carried out.
- 135 volunteer hours on task.

What happened?

Storm Ciarán swept across the southern half of the UK early in November. It left in its wake wind gusts of up to 80mph in exposed locations and heavy rain across various regions. Mass power outages were anticipated affecting multiple communities.

"We carried out door-to-door checks on all of the vulnerable people identified, to ensure that everyone was well and that their needs were taken care of. Some road junctions were flooded and roads closed, but we managed to find alternative routes."

Sarah Prinsloo, REACT Responder

