

## **HEBDEN BRIDGE BUSINESSES HIT HARDEST BY THE FLOODS AND TAKING LONGER TO RECOVER.**

Bob Deacon, HBP with Stephen Curry, UCVR. Flood Recovery Team. April 3rd

This is a short update on the Hebden Bridge Partnership's Jan 6<sup>th</sup> report of the impact of the Dec 26<sup>th</sup> Floods on the Hebden Bridge economy. That report is at ([www.hbpartnership.org.uk](http://www.hbpartnership.org.uk)). This update is compiled from three sources listed below.

From the several sources it is clear that Hebden Bridge was the most severely affected of all Calder Valley towns by the December Floods in terms of the impact on businesses as measured by the number of businesses affected. Almost a third of all affected Calder Valley businesses were located in Hebden Bridge. It is also the case that it is taking longer for HB businesses to recover from the impact. Almost a third of all affected business are still not fully operational, a far higher figure than elsewhere in the valley. It has to be acknowledged, though that most of these affected businesses are small employing few people whereas the smaller number of affected businesses in Elland, Sowerby Bridge and Brighouse employed more people<sup>1</sup>.

In summary:

- The 294 HB businesses affected<sup>2</sup> by the floods represented **30.28% of the whole number across Calderdale.**
- Of these HB businesses **35.33% are still not operational.** For Mytholmroyd, Luddendenfoot and Elland the figure is 17.56% but is less than 10% elsewhere.
- The retail sector was hardest hit across Calderdale but especially in Hebden Bridge.
- 156 of 180<sup>3</sup> or **80% of HB town centre businesses** serving the public directly closed at least for a short period in January and many for months afterwards.
- Of those 156 40<sup>4</sup>, or **over 40% are still closed including 6 cafes, 4 restaurants or fast food outlets and 7 pubs/social clubs.** (List appended to the electronic version on HBP web site.)
- Small businesses employing between 1 and 10 people have been considerably more affected than larger businesses: 74% of affected HB businesses were of this size. Wire-form is the significant exception: employing over 20 and permanently closed.

Sources:

- a) Preliminary findings of draft Economic Impact report<sup>5</sup> By Leeds UNI/CMBC/UCVR based on survey of businesses.
- b) CMBC Business team data and
- c) A repeat walk-round survey by Bob Deacon on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Nine flood affected businesses in the valley had between 101-250 employees and the two affected businesses employing over 250 employees are located in Brighouse.

<sup>2</sup> This figure is derived from the CMBC business team contribution to the economic impact report.

<sup>3</sup> HBP Economic impact survey, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> HBP walk round survey April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> The final report will be available at [www.ucvr.org.uk](http://www.ucvr.org.uk) from Tues.5<sup>th</sup> April

**HEBDEN BRIDGE SHOPS-CAFES-PUBS-SERVICES THAT WERE  
DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE DEC 26<sup>th</sup> FLOOD**

**DATA BASE OF RECOVERY-REOPENINGS.  
Walk by observations April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Of the 156 town centre businesses directly affected by the floods 40 are still  
closed including 17 cafes pubs, restaurants and fast food outlets.**

PREMISE	CLOSURES AND PLANS
<b>VALLEY ROAD/HANGINGROYD</b>	
Bonsalls	OPEN
Town Hall	OPEN
<b>ST GEORGE'S SQUARE</b>	
Bridge Mill Shop/Café	OPEN
Silly Billy	Moved to Old Gate/ New shop opening soon.
Country Store Fast Food	OPEN
Paper Shop	OPEN (but paper business closed: not due to floods)
Valentine's	OPEN
Blitz Cafe	OPEN
Dress Shop on Corner	CLOSED (On-line)
Waites	Bakery Ruined./ New Bakers to take over at some point.
<b>MARKET STREET</b>	<b>NORTH SIDE</b>
Old Gate Pub	OPEN
Organic Coffee	CLOSED
Heart Art Gallery	CLOSED (temporary relocation)
York Soap	OPEN
Barclays Bank	OPEN
Cresswells Accountants	OPEN
The Deli	CLOSED
Molly and Ginger	OPEN
Ribbon Circus	OPEN
Calder Gallery	CLOSED
Papas	CLOSED
Saka	OPEN
Radiance	CLOSED
Ryburnes	OPEN
Monster Computers	CLOSED
Mooch	OPEN
Music and Love	CLOSED (Opening April)
2 Tone Comics	CLOSED
Mattock Bathroom	OPEN
The Banyan Tree	OPEN
Kip McGrath Education	OPEN
Kitties Restaurant	OPEN
Hat therapy	CLOSED (trading next door)

Snug	OPEN
<b>MARKET STREET</b>	<b>SOUTH SIDE</b>
Coop	OPEN
Salem Mill	OPEN
Not a Full Penny	CLOSED
Ruby Shoesday	OPEN
Dynamite	CLOSED (relocated)
J K Chinese	OPEN
Valley Organics	OPEN
Bookcase	OPEN
Hair Care	OPEN
Earth Spirit	OPEN
Oxfam	OPEN
Element Jewellery	CLOSED (opening soon)
Hotcakes (HILTON Str.)	CLOSED
Eastern Spice	OPEN
Drink	OPEN
Copa Café	CLOSED
Spirals	Merge temporarily with Earth Spirit (see above)
Computer Shop	CLOSED
Afghan Rugs	OPEN
Café Solo	OPEN
Children's Toy Shop	OPEN
<b>WEST END</b>	
Mark Hurst optician	OPEN
Blazing Saddles	Workshop OPEN. SHOP CLOSED.
Ryburne Estate Agent	OPEN
F Gledhill Solicitor	OPEN UPSTAIRS
Drew Forsyth	CLOSED
Farrow and Ball	CLOSED
I Phones	OPEN
HB Cleaners	OPEN
Olive Branch	OPEN
Wire and Wood	CLOSED
Max's Jeweller	CLOSED
<b>HOLME STREET</b>	
Post Office	OPEN
Trades Club	OPEN
Holme Street Art Centre	CLOSED.
Little Theatre	OPEN
<b>NEW ROAD</b>	<b>NORTH SIDE</b>
Holts Veg	OPEN
Willow Garden	OPEN
The Closet	OPEN
Hair and There	OPEN
Peter David Estate Ag.	OPEN
Café on T'Front	OPEN
Hope Chapel	CLOSED

Turners Letting	OPEN
Just Eat	CLOSED
Dentist	OPEN
The Railway	CLOSED
Moyles	OPEN (B and B)
<b>NEW ROAD</b>	<b>SOUTH SIDE</b>
Crossley Mill Nursery	OPEN
Gina Glass	OPEN
Rim Nan Thai	CLOSED
Pottery; Flying Saucers	OPEN
Hair "Blow"	OPEN
TIC	Open as pop up.
Valley Private Hire	OPEN
Cinema	OPEN
Milk Bar	CLOSED
<b>OLD GATE</b>	
Kiddies Corner	OPEN
Menagerie	OPEN
Cornucopia	OPEN
<b>BRIDGEGATE</b>	<b>WEST SIDE</b>
Shoulder Mutton	CLOSED
Laundrette	OPEN
Café Cali	OPEN
Lamp Post	OPEN
Sweetshop	OPEN
Watergate Tea	CLOSED (Opening April?)
Book Makers	CLOSED
Valley Opticians	CLOSED
<b>BRIDGEGATE</b>	<b>EAST SIDE</b>
Pennine Wine Cheese	CLOSED
Reeds R Estate Agent	CLOSED
Age Concern	CLOSED
RSPCA	CLOSED
Wardrobe	CLOSED
Aya Sophia	OPEN
Calan Beer	CLOSED
Earth Collection	CLOSED
Bamboo	OPEN
Rendezvouz	OPEN
Fat Face	OPEN
Turners Estate Agent	OPEN
The Swan	CLOSED
Noir	OPEN
Shelter	OPEN
Just Books	OPEN
<b>CROWN STREET</b> (bottom only)	<b>WEST SIDE</b>
Nelson's	CLOSED

Oasis	OPEN
Maskill Butcher	OPEN
One Stop	OPEN
Crown Pub	OPEN
Fish and Chips	OPEN
Claire Sheehan Estate A.	OPEN
<b>CROWN STREET</b> (bottom only)	<b>EAST SIDE</b>
Hospice	OPEN
Hui Man Chinese	OPEN
Daisy and Sam	CLOSED
Boots	OPEN
Christine Edwards	CLOSED
Empty shop x2	ONE OPEN/ONE CLOSED
Amelia	CLOSED (Open online)
Mountain Wild	OPEN
<b>ALBERT STREET</b> (bottom only)	<b>EAST SIDE</b>
Independent Living	OPEN for Care Support and pop m up shops Mobilty moved
Print Bureau	OPEN partially.
Greenwood Funerals	Operating from elsewhere
CAB	Operating from elsewhere
Quilt Cabin	CLOSED
Green Café	CLOSED
Gibsons	CLOSED
Pennine Club	CLOSED
Sports and Social	CLOSED
Edwards	CLOSED
Squeeze	OPEN
Polkadot	CLOSED
Colour by Yorkshire	OPEN
<b>ALBERT STREET</b> (bottom only)	<b>WEST SIDE</b>
Lloyds Bank	OPEN
Antique Centre	Closed Operating from new location; Valley Road
Albert Pub	CLOSED
<b>HOPE STREET</b>	
Circle Hairdressers	OPEN
Library	OPEN on top floor
<b>CARLTON STREET</b>	
Marshalls Bar	OPEN
Zeitgeist Hair	OPEN.
<b>HEBBLE END AND PARK</b>	
Hebble end Bike Shop	OPEN
Hebble End studios (n)	OPEN
Park Life Café	OPEN

Additionally Stubbing Wharf pub closed and Beehive Mill and businesses working from within it partly closed and Wireform closed permanently.