

LCLIP 1 Media Trawl Weather events 2001 - 2008
Appendix 1

Date	Publication	Weather Event	Location	Impacts	Response	Impacts for HC
<u>06/02/2001</u>	BBC	High winds and heavy snowfall	Highland	Road, rail, sea and air travel disruptions, widespread power cuts, Inverness-Edinburgh train derailed, 2 Inverness-Wick trains snowbound	Most schools closed, road closures, rescue operation launched for rail passengers stuck on trains to Wick, Inverness Airport closed	
<u>27/02/2001</u>	BBC	Heavy snowfall	Highland	Road traffic disruptions	School closures across Highland	
<u>03/03/2001</u>	BBC	Severe frost	Highland	Temperature at Altnaharra, Sutherland down to -21C, record frost in the UK in four decades, widespread power cuts lasting up to 5 days	Power companies employing 1000 engineers and 13 helicopters to repair damage across Scotland	
04/04/2001	?	Persistent frost and wintry showers	Ross & Cromarty	HC road maintenance strained		Ross & Cromarty area roads maintenance budget overspent by 7.5 % or 279000
<u>30/10/2001</u>	BBC	High winds and heavy rain	West Highland	Landslide hitting the 1718 train service Inverness - Kyle of Lochalsh, nobody injured but rail track and carriage damaged	Full emergency response from fire, police and ambulance services, line closed for repairs, bus service put in place	
09/11/2001	The Press and Journal	Heavy snowfall	Highland	Widespread road traffic disruptions	BEAR working hard but not meeting expectations in first season after winning contract	Praise for HCs past winter service and reduction in gritting coverage because of reduced funding after loss of trunk-road contract
<u>29/12/2001</u>	The Guardian	High winds and heavy snowfall	Highland	Power cuts to 3800 homes, trees on roads, roofs damaged, roof blown off swimming pool in Aviemore, difficult driving conditions due to snow, sea travel impaired	Ferry services suspended. Skye bridge closed, Scottish Power restoring power supply within a day or two with 250 linesmen and engineers	

<u>29/01/2002</u>	The Guardian, BBC	High winds and heavy rain	Highland	120mph winds cause disruption to road, rail and air traffic, widespread power cuts, increased snowmelt due to mild temperatures and downpours swelling rivers, HGV driver killed in Glencoe	All ferry and train services cancelled, closure of roads and bridges, engineers drafted in from south to restore power, helicopters used to locate damaged power lines, SEPA issuing flood warnings	Roads littered with debris or blocked by trees, damage to traffic lights and other infrastructure
<u>02/02/2002</u>	The Scotsman	High winds and rain	West Highland	Sea and rail travel disrupted, power cuts to 300 homes on Skye	CalMac cancelling most services and securing a vessel in Stornoway with thrice the usual number of ropes, Scottish Hydro working on damaged power lines, School closures	School closures
<u>08/02/2002</u>	Oban Times	High winds	Skye	School closures due to power cuts/line failures	School closures	
<u>23/02/2002</u>	The Guardian	Cold snap and high winds	Highland	Difficult road and sea travel conditions	Ferry cancellations	
<u>23/02/2002</u>	The Scotsman	High winds and heavy rain	Highland	Localized flooding, elderly man killed in Sutherland, rail, road and sea travel impaired, white-out conditions on A96 near Huntly and A9 at Drumochter, walkers trapped in Glencoe	Several Calmac services cancelled, Invershin to lochinver road closed, Dornoch, Erskine and Kessock bridge closed to high-sided vehicles, A9 and A96 closed locally, flood warnings on river Conon, Beauly and Dulnain, mountain rescue team rescuing walkers	
<u>01/08/2002</u>	The Press and Journal	Heavy rainfall	Highland and Speyside	Road, rail and air travel disrupted, landslide and flood damage to roads, rail links and telecom infrastructure, bridge near Inverness destroyed	Flights from Inverness and Wick cancelled, A9 closed at Slochd summit, southbound rail-services cancelled, police relaying emergency calls by strategically placed patrol cars, temporary bridge installed on affected road	Road closures, cleanup operations
<u>02/08/2002</u>	Inverness Courier	Heavy rainfall	Highland	Landslides on A9	A9 traffic severely impaired, BEAR asking Scottish executive for additional funding to carry out work	BEAR/HC service disparities highlighted again

<u>08/08/2002</u>	BBC	Heavy rainfall	Highland	Substantial landslide at Pitlochry undermining 120 metres of track and disrupting Inverness-Perth rail link	Railtrack working on repairs	
<u>08/08/2002</u>	BBC	Heavy rainfall	Rothiemurchus Caravan Park Aviemore	Private water supply contaminated by flood water, leading to E.Coli outbreak affecting 22 people, general health risk	Households in area advised to boil water, advice to anyone coming in contact with water supply to seek medical advice	
<u>08/09/2002</u>	BBC, The Press and Journal	Electrical Storm and heavy rain	Inverness	Flash floods causing widespread damage to private property and roads; landslides, road and rail travel disruption, Caledonian Canal blocked by landslide, Parts of city under 5ft water, Thistle Hotel premises submerged, roads and railway links washed away or damaged by landslides, Raigmore Hospital switchboard offline due to lightning strike, emergency bunker unreachable due to floodwater	Road closures, rail services suspended, police urging drivers not to approach city, major cleanup operation, incident room set up to bring emergency services and council official together, rescue operations in flooded areas with 200 people evacuated by boat from Thistle hotel, effort to clear blocked drains, hospital staff rerouting calls over police	HC arranging distribution of sandbags, setting up incident room, setting up 24-hour helpline, damage to infrastructure, Road closures, massive cleanup operation required, planning of £8 million flood defence plan instigated
<u>23/10/2002</u>	BBC	High winds and heavy rain	North & East Highland	Sea travel disrupted, localized flooding in Dingwall and on Black Isle, health risk due to contaminated drinking water	Northlink ferry services cancelled, Scottish Water advising 13000 customers to boil water before use and commissioning repair works	
<u>25/10/2002</u>	Inverness Courier	Heavy rainfall	Inverness	Culvert in Raigmore Burn blocked by debris, A9 southbound from Culloden flooded, viewing platform at Falls of Foyers affected by landslide	A9 slip road closed again 12 hours after previous flood-damage repairs finished, A9 southbound closed, viewing platform closed until further notice	Road closures, unblocking of drains, HC accused of complacency and lack of pro-active approach

<u>04/11/2002</u>	The Scotsman, ??	High winds and rain	North Highland, Thurso	Air and sea travel disrupted, heavy seas, passengers stranded in Scrabster after Northlink failed to inform passengers about changed schedule	BA cancelling flights to Shetland and Orkney, Northlink ferry services suspended, Northlink apologizing for communications failure, Scottish surfing championships in Thurso cancelled	
08/11/2002	John O'Groat Journal & Caithness Courier	High winds	Wick	Heavy swell due to high winds and spring tide tearing a 20x10x1.8 metre hole in Wick harbour's north river pier, putting town at risk	Police keeping spectators away from pier, urgent repairs and strengthening of south pier demanded (the latter delayed by a year due to 'admin hiccup')	Repair bill added to cost of postponed work on south pier due to start next spring, but repairs not delayed
<u>16/01/2003</u>	The Scotsman	High winds	Highland	Difficult road traffic conditions due to gale-force winds and debris on roads, localized power cuts, sea travel disrupted	Most ferry services to Western Isles cancelled, emergency services clearing roads, weather warnings in place on Skye and Kessock bridge	
<u>03/02/2003</u>	The Scotsman	Icing	Highland	Treacherous driving conditions and road travel disruptions	A9 closed at Drumochter, gritters working non-stop	
07/02/2003	Inverness Courier	Heavy snowfall	Inverness	Adverse conditions for road users and pedestrians	Additional staff called in or shifted towards snow-clearing by many organisations	Complaints by residents over dangerous walking/driving conditions. TEC services stretched
<u>23/02/2003</u>	BBC	Persistent dry conditions and wind	Highland	Controlled burnings getting out of hand in many places, danger through fires started by vandals	Over 300 fire-fighters called out to tackle over 80 blazes, fire chiefs appealing to people to show sense	
<u>19/04/2003</u>	<u>BBC</u>	Persistent dry conditions and wind	West Highland	Over 200 forest and moorland fires with one blaze at Ardnamurchan extending to 45 square kilometres	Large contingent of fire fighters with helicopter support fighting the blazes and protecting homes	
<u>25/04/2003</u>	Oban Times	Persistent dry conditions and wind	Ardnamurchan	Wildfires on grazing land and wildlife habitats	Fire-fighters extinguished several blazes	

<u>07/08/2003</u>	BBC	Heatwave	Highland	High risk of wildfires due to hot and dry conditions, heat-associated health problems, water shortage for farm animals, rail travel impaired because of heat-induced track-deformations, record business for holiday industry	Fire chiefs urging public not to burn anything outdoors, people advised to drink plenty and wear sun lotion, vets urging people to supply enough water to their animals, speed limits on all rail lines	
19/08/2003	The Press and Journal	Heatwave	Invergarry	45 year old village hall collapsing after roof-support beams weakened by heat damage	Police stating that collapse not caused by outside intervention, bungalows built in 50s using same system may be at risk	
24/09/2003	The Press and Journal	Drought	Sutherland	Water supply reliant on small stream drying up in remote location after persistent dry spell	Elderly couple resorting to carrying water because of inability to pay for mains connection, Scottish Water stressing lack of responsibility for private supplies, HC offering grant	Bad press for HC as grant delayed and communication unsatisfactorily, actual cost of grant if approved
22/10/2003	?	Cold snap with heavy snowfall	Highland	4 inches of snow causing widespread road traffic disruption as BEAR caught unprepared	BEAR complaining about inaccurate Met Office weather forecast predicting only light snow	
22/11/2003	The Press and Journal	Icing	Caithness & Sutherland	Unexpected widespread black ice on many roads in period of unpredictable weather causing several minor accidents	HC putting workers out quickly after learning about the conditions	
<u>29/01/2004</u>	The Scotsman	High winds and heavy snowfall, very cold	Highland	Air and sea travel disruptions by gale-force winds and -15 degrees, difficult road travel conditions, infrastructure damage due to extreme frost	Flight cancellations to Northern Isles, delays at Inverness airport, most Northlink ferry services suspended, 105 schools closed, road closures, British Gas preparing for thousands of emergency calls	
<u>06/02/2004</u>	The Scotsman	Electrical storms in warm weather	Easter Ross and Beaully	Rising water levels, very unpredictable conditions due to rapid weather changes	SEPA issuing flood watches	
<u>27/02/2004</u>	BBC	High winds and heavy snowfall	Highland	Road travel disruptions due to drifting and icing	School closures across Highland	

<u>22/10/2004</u>	The Scotsman	High winds and rain	West Highland	Sea travel disrupted, localized flooding	Calmac ferry cancellations, road closures	
<u>22/11/2004</u>	The Guardian	Severe frost	Sutherland	Temperature down to -13 degrees, frost causing partially difficult road travel conditions		
<u>29/12/2004</u>	BBC	Lightning strike	Kirkwall Airport	Air travel to Orkney affected due to lightning hit damage of lighting and telecom systems	Flights after darkness cancelled, repair crews from Inverness called in	
<u>03/01/2005</u>	The Scotsman	High winds and heavy snowfall	Cairn Gorm	Dangerous conditions on mountain	Ski runs closed	
<u>11/01/2005</u>	Inverness Courier	Heavy rainfall	Highland	River Ness bursting its banks leading to minor flooding, road and rail traffic impaired, landslide blocking A82, Drumnadrochit harbour flooded	Road closures, replacement bus service between Kingussie and Aviemore, SEPA issuing flood warnings, HC readying sandbags	Road closures, sandbag distribution
<u>12/01/2005</u>	<u>The Guardian,</u> <u>BBC</u>	High winds and heavy rain	Highland	Gales of 124mph, Scottish Hydroelectric reporting more than 100 major faults and power cuts, many areas at risk of flooding, road and sea travel impaired	Ferry cancellations, school closures, SEPA issuing flood warnings	
<u>13/01/2005</u>	The Press and Journal	High winds and heavy rain	Highland	West coast hit by 'Hurricane conditions' causing widespread flood and wind damage to property, roads, power lines and telecommunications, Inverness experiencing flooding by River Ness as Storm coinciding with exceptionally high tide	Road closures with attempt to keep major connections open, clearing and pumping out culverts and drains, distribution of sandbags, major cleanup operation	Road closures, services stretched, cleanup operations, possible acceleration of bilingual signage as many signs ruined by storm, repairs needed to harbours, piers, roads and street lighting
<u>19/01/2005</u>	The Guardian	High winds and heavy snowfall	Highland	Heavy snowfall and severe gales causing road, rail and sea traffic disruption, air ambulance grounded	Many ferry and train services cancelled, coastguard and Royal Navy helicopters standing in for air ambulance	
<u>21/01/2005</u>	Oban Times	Heavy snowfall	Lochaber	6 inches of snow leading to halt of all road traffic		
<u>14/02/2005</u>	BBC	High winds and snow	West Highland	Power cuts to 5000 homes	Scottish Hydro repairing power lines	
<u>02/04/2005</u>	The Press and Journal	Heavy rainfall	Invergordon	Parts of town in Clyde Street and Outram Street flooded by surface water and sewage as drainage system overwhelmed	Scottish Water urged to improve situation but says drainage 'at capacity' and improvements very costly	

<u>27/10/2005</u>	BBC	Unseasonably high temperatures	Highland	Aultbea setting new UK record for 27th October temperature with 21.2C		
<u>11/11/2005</u>	The Scotsman, BBC	High winds and heavy rain	Highland	Power cuts from Skye to Inverness, disruption to air, sea and rail travel, difficult driving conditions, flooding of roads and high tides	Flights and ferry services to Western Isles cancelled, Scottish Power employing 300 engineers in repairing damaged lines, SEPA issuing flood warnings, police urging residents to stay indoors	
<u>18/11/2005</u>	Ross-shire Journal	High winds and rain	Easter Ross	Historic building (giral) awaiting re-use near Alness destabilised by severe weather	Council getting contractor to demolish building due to safety fears for people using historic right of way nearby	Loss of potentially valuable (grand-money attracting) landmark building
<u>26/11/2005</u>	The Scotsman	High winds and heavy snowfall	Highland	Widespread road and sea travel disruption due to heavy snowfall and 90mph gales, A830 blocked by fallen trees, power cuts to 5000 homes, Dounreay decommissioning halted	Ferry services cancelled, Skye bridge closed, all schools closed in Caithness and in some other areas, workers at Dounreay advised to stay home, Scottish Hydro working to repair power lines	
<u>22/12/2005</u>	West Highland Free Press, The Scotsman	High winds	Skye	Difficult shipping conditions, empty tanker 'Blackfriars' grounded on rocks near Kyle of Lochalsh after running into difficulties in stormy weather	Lifeboat teams from Kyle and Portree rescuing 5 crew members, Stornoway-based 'Anglian Prince' towing vessel away for inspection	
<u>04/03/2006</u>	The Scotsman	Electrical storms and heavy snow	Highland	Road travel disrupted by 10-15cm snowfall, traffic gridlock in Inverness, air travel disrupted	Inverness airport closed, road and school closures across Highland, football fixtures cancelled	
<u>13/03/2006</u>	The Guardian	Heavy snowfall	Highland	Up to 9 inches of snow in low lying areas after mild winter, disruption to road and rail travel	Road closures, train service cancellations	
<u>25/04/2006</u>	BBC	Duststorm	Inverness to Nairn	Parts of A96 in 'dustbowl' conditions as soil blown off dried out nearby fields, severely impairing road travel	Drivers slowing to 10mph and turning lights on	
<u>26/07/2006</u>	Strathspey & Badenoch Herald	Persistent dry conditions and wind	Rothiurchus Estate near Aviemore	25 acres of moorland and woodland destroyed by under control fire flaring up again	100 volunteers including 40 army recruits, fire-fighters, PDG helicopter, Forestry Commission staff	

<u>27/07/2006</u>	<u>Highland News, BBC</u>	Heatwave	Highland	Many people unfamiliar with outdoor risks drawn to the sea, pets at risk of heatstroke in cars, warmer surface water drawing in an increased number of whales and dolphins (also in Moray Firth)	<u>RNLI issued health & safety advice after spate of incidents involving kids being blown out to sea on inflatables, Scottish SPCA issued plea not to leave animals in cars, scientists urging people to report cetacean sightings</u>	
<u>27/07/2006</u>	<u>Highland News, BBC</u>	Heatwave	Inverness	Muirtown Bridge jammed in open position due to heat-induced metalwork expansion causing gridlocked traffic	Tomnahurich Bridge closed to boat traffic to avoid further traffic disruption, fire-fighters cooled bridge with water jets	
<u>22/08/2006</u>	Inverness Courier	Heavy rainfall	Nairn	129th meeting at The Links suffered severely reduced visitor numbers	Takings for Highland Games event so low that future of event is in question	
<u>03/10/2006</u>	Inverness Courier	Heavy rainfall	Inverness	Houses flooded in Drumdevan Rd. by small burn bursting its banks	Fire-fighters drained flooded homes	<u>Residents threatening legal action against HC and planning to withhold council tax payment and issuing FOI requests concerning hydrological surveys</u>
<u>25/10/2006</u>	John O'Groat Journal & Caithness Courier	Heavy rainfall	Caithness	Widespread flooding of roads and properties, problems for farmers and crofters, dam near John O'Groat destroyed, Thurso cemetery footbridge destroyed	Sandbags on porches, fire service in action in most of county, long standing dispute about a Wick drainage system moving after Transport Scotland taking responsibility	<u>Partial road closures, provision of over 3000 sandbags, footbridge to be replaced by council</u>
<u>27/10/2006</u>	John O'Groat Journal & Caithness Courier	Heavy rainfall	Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	Landslide blocking Scrabster harbour road, parts of A9, other roads and north rail line, several villages cut off by flood waters, travel disruption	Harbour staff unsuccessfully attempting to clear landslip, northern rail services and city link buses suspended, school and road closures, fire and emergency services working overtime	Road and school closures, widespread damage to infrastructure

<u>27/10/2006</u>	Ross-shire Journal	Heavy rainfall	Ross-shire, especially Dingwall and Evanton	Flooded homes and industrial estates, transport disruption, rescue services overwhelmed by calls	Evacuation of residents by fire & rescue service and police, all roads north of Dingwall closed, 22 schools closed, sandbags, organisation of furniture donation logistics	<u>Extensive damage to roads and infrastructure, public criticism of mismanagement, understaffing and lack of knowledge (partly confirmed by TEC services manager John Hearmon)</u>
<u>01/11/2006</u>	John O'Groat Journal & Caithness Courier	High winds	West Caithness	Roads blocked by fallen trees, damage to farm buildings, disruption of land and sea travel	Thurso highschool and several primaries closed, morning and afternoon sailings Scrabster-Stromness cancelled	School and road closures, council workers clearing obstructions from roads
<u>22/11/2006</u>	Strathspey & Badenoch Herald	High winds and heavy snowfall	Cairn Gorm	Heavy snowfall could enable an early start for skiing season	Readying ski-lifts and speeding up staff training and recruitment	
<u>22/11/2006</u>	Strathspey & Badenoch Herald	High winds and heavy snowfall	Cairn Gorm	2 climbers killed in 120mph winds with temperatures of -20C	Emergency search and rescue operation by rescue teams and RAF helicopter, unsuccessful	
<u>04/12/2006</u>	The Scotsman	High winds and heavy rain	West Highland	Blocked roads due to localized flooding and fallen trees, tanker 'Border Heather' in difficult shipping conditions, adrift and damaged in the Pentland firth	Rescue helicopter on standby, RNLI lifeboat from Wick launched, Maritime and Coastguard Agency towing the Tanker to port near Wick	
<u>05/12/2006</u>	Inverness Courier	Heavy rainfall	Highland	High Water levels in River Ness coinciding with tidal surge, A831 Drumnadrochit flooded as River Enrick bursting its banks, landslide at Balbeg cutting off road to several homes for 2 hours	Ness Islands closed to visitors, road closures, clearing of landslides, SEPA flood warnings	
<u>06/12/2006</u>	Strathspey & Badenoch Herald, BBC	Heavy rainfall	Badenoch & Strathspey	River Spey 5 times its normal size, grazing land and campsites flooded, parts of A9 and A95 and smaller roads flooded	Sandbags on Spey and other streams, police redirecting drivers, severe flood warnings put in place by SEPA, preparations for worsening of situation	Road closures, distribution of sandbags
<u>08/12/2006</u>	Oban Times	High winds	West Coast	Hurricane conditions at sea shut down ferry services on 3rd & 4th Dec		

14/12/2006	The Press and Journal	High winds and heavy rain	Highland	Road and sea travel disruptions, massive landslide on A82 Inverness - Fort William and flooding on A9 Laggan, cars stuck in floodwater, Kingussie Highschool flooded 2 feet deep	Road and school closures, Transerv deploying diggers to clear A82 and assessing stability of hillside, police urging people not to drive, CalMac ferry services cancelled	
15/12/2006	Inverness Courier	Heavy rainfall	Rail-link to Perth	All rail services from Inverness to Glasgow withdrawn due to flood damage	<u>ScotRail commissioned repair works lasting for three weeks, councillor Norrie Donald said the rail line would have to be re-routed (follow-up article)</u>	
20/12/2006	Strathspey & Badenoch Herald	Heavy rainfall	Badenoch & Strathspey	Widespread flooding with power cuts and damage to roads, rail links, telecom lines, public buildings and private homes	Kingussie High School evacuated, sand bags on Spey and other streams, rail and road closures, fire brigade out	Ruthven Road offices in Kingussie flooded, council officials and workers doing extra time, road closures, roads under sediment
13/01/2007	The Scotsman	High winds and rain	Highland	Sea and road traffic severely impaired	Skye and Kessock bridge closed to high sided vehicles, SEPA issuing flood warnings	
16/01/2007	Inverness Courier	Heavy rainfall	Aviemore/Kingussie - Garnock Burn	Main rail line flooded and damaged by surface water from nearby burn	ScotRail put bus service in place between the two stations	The burn responsible for repeated flooding is on HC land, cited by Network Rail as reason for not doing anything about situation
17/01/2007	Strathspey & Badenoch Herald	High winds and heavy rain	Badenoch & Strathspey	Roofing material blown off in several locations, Kingussie Highschool at risk of flooding, dangerous conditions on ski runs in Cairngorms with storm damage to Ciste tow due to gusts of up to 175mph at summit	Clean-up and repairs to roofs, Kingussie Highschool evacuated as precaution, ski runs in Cairngorms closed 4 of 5 days, funicular railway closed	School evacuated, review of river dredging situation at Kingussie, public criticism of flood prevention measures
18/01/2007	BBC	High winds and heavy snowfall	South Highlands	Road traffic disruptions due to heavy snowfall in mountains	Snow gates on A9 Dalwhinnie closed	
21/03/2007	Strathspey & Badenoch Herald	Cold snap with Blizzards	Badenoch & Strathspey	Unexpected return of winter causing widespread road traffic disruption, several accidents and stuck lorries, white-out in mountains	Several schools closed for two days, road closures, bus services to ski areas cancelled	Road and school closures

<u>21/03/2007</u>	John O'Groat Journal & Caithness Courier	High winds	Thurso	Thurso harbour road and river wall damaged by heavy swells, sporadic power cuts, disruption of sea travel	Northlink Scrabster-Stromness cancelled, remedial work to damaged infrastructure	Repair of harbour road and river wall, cleanup of debris
<u>05/05/2007</u>	The Guardian	Persistent fog	Inverness	Scottish elections ballot count for Western Isles delayed: transport helicopter could not takeoff	Ballot boxes transferred by boat, ferry and road	
<u>18/05/2007</u>	Inverness Courier	Heavy rainfall	Inverness	Norbord Ltd Moray Hill on-site facilities for storage of process water close to overflowing into adjacent water courses	SEPA issued enforcement notice, Norbord Ltd developed contingency plans and promised to invest more in environmental protection systems	
<u>02/06/2007</u>	Highland News	Heavy rainfall	Invergordon	Clyde Street flooded a foot deep by sewage for the fifth time since 2000	Fire-fighters drained flooded homes, local councillor pledging action	
<u>30/06/2007</u>	Highland News	Unseasonably cold spell and rain	Rothiemurchus	Outsider festival turnout lower than expected		
<u>04/07/2007</u>	BBC	Persistent rainfall and unseasonably low temperatures	Highland	Persistent bad weather putting livestock and crops at risk of disease and disrupting farming operations	Warnings about potato blight, delays in most operations	
<u>05/07/2007</u>	BBC	Heavy rainfall	Dores, Inverness-shire; Kinbrace, Sutherland	Localized flooding, debris and landslide blocking the B852, flooding blocking the A897 between Kinbrace and Melvich	Local diversions and cleanup work	
<u>20/07/2007</u>	Ross-shire Journal	Heavy rainfall	Localized across Highland	A832 Tore-Ullapool flooded, B9176 Struie road damaged, A9 at Slochd flooded, landslide on West Highland Rail Line	Road closures, police redirecting/guiding stranded drivers, rail services to Kyle of Lochalsh suspended	Road closures, damage to roads
<u>27/07/2007</u>	Inverness Courier	Heavy rainfall	Drumnadrochit	Footbridge linking Drumnadrochit to Loch Ness undermined by river shifting course	Footbridge closed for safety reasons, investigation begun to establish further course of action	
<u>21/08/2007</u>	Inverness Courier	Heavy rainfall	Drumnadrochit Runrig concert	2 Runrig fans suffered hypothermia on event site, stream adjacent to site came near to bursting its banks	Red Cross treated affected persons, temporary footbridge was closed leading to part of A82 subject to traffic management/open for pedestrians	

<u>02/11/2007</u>	Dunoon Observer & Argyllshire Standard	Heavy rainfall	Glen Croe	Landslide with 400 tonnes of material covering A83, road undermined as well	Closure of A83 'until further notice', Transerv working on repairs	
<u>08/11/2007</u>	BBC	High winds	Highland	Power cuts to 20000 homes, sea travel disrupted, difficult road travel conditions	Scottish Hydro repairing power lines, Calmac and Northlink ferry services suspended	
<u>09/11/2007</u>	John O'Groat Journal & Caithness Courier	High winds	Caithness	Box van swept off road at Wick, other accidents, widespread damage to roofs, impairment of road, sea and air travel	Pentland Ferries and Northlink sailings to Orkney cancelled, Scrabster harbour staff reinforcing moorings, air services to Edinburgh cancelled, several schools closed	School closures, fire and rescue services securing roofs
<u>14/11/2007</u>	John O'Groat Journal & Caithness Courier	High winds	Thurso	Thurso Rotary Club annual beach bonfire swept away by tide and later littering the shore as high winds coincide with exceptionally high tide	<u>Cleanup of the beach by council workers, planning for next year's event reviewed, SEPA officer visiting site</u>	<u>Council workers clearing Thurso beach of 40-50 tonnes of bonfire debris</u>
<u>14/12/2007</u>	Ross-shire Journal	Heavy rainfall	Dingwall	Boggan Burn at Blackwells Street extremely high	None, as flood prevention equipment installed 2006 performed well	Strategy proven to work
<u>21/12/2007</u>	Ross-shire Journal	Severe frost	Wester Ross & Sutherland	Temperature down to -10 degrees frost		
<u>04/01/2008</u>	BBC	High winds and heavy snowfall	Highland	Road and sea travel disrupted, dangerous conditions in Cairngorms	Ferry services to Northern Isles cancelled, Cairngorm ski area operators evacuating 200 people from hills	
<u>09/01/2008</u>	Strathspey & Badenoch Herald	Icing	A95 north of Aviemore	Widespread black ice on busy road leading to numerous accidents	Northern constabulary contacted Bear Scotland to improve its gritting management	
<u>09/01/2008</u>	BBC	High winds and rain	Highland	Difficult driving conditions due to debris and snow on roads, sea travel impaired, dangerous conditions in mountains (140mph Cairn Gorm)	Clear-up works roads, ferry services to Western Isles cancelled, Skye and Kessock bridge closed to high-sided vehicles	Clearing seaweed, stones and branches from roads in Lochaber, clearing fallen tree from B9090 at Nairn
<u>09/01/2008</u>	John O'Groat Journal & Caithness Courier	High winds	Wick	Stormy harbour bay attracting storm-watchers & photographers putting themselves at risk by ignoring warnings	Residents calling harbour master and police to urge people to keep off harbour walls and piers	

<u>11/01/2008</u>	Oban Times	Heavy snowfall	Ben Nevis	Upper slopes on Nevis Range blanketed in heavy snow	Ski runs open for first time in 08 winter	
<u>18/01/2008</u>	Ross-shire Journal	Icing	Ross-shire	Rain on frozen surfaces repeatedly leading to widespread road traffic problems, safety hazards and accidents, many steep roads too slippery for lone gritting lorry	<u>Use of grit salt in January alone higher than during all of previous year, winter maintenance struggling to cope</u>	Increased use grit salt, increased vehicle maintenance and extended working hours, criticism of underequipment and staffing levels
<u>25/01/2008</u>	BBC	High winds and heavy rain	Highland	Flooding in /near Fort Augustus, Beauly, Denny and Muir of Ord, road and sea travel impaired, livestock trapped on flooded farmland	Road closures, Calmac service Ullapool-Stornoway cancelled, SEPA flood warnings, rd cross and coastguard using inflatable rafts to rescue animals	
<u>30/01/2008</u>	BBC	High winds and heavy rain	Highland	Historic NTS property at Inverewe Gardens damaged as old trees blown over	Public appeal for help with damage repairs to buildings and gardens	
<u>02/02/2008</u>	BBC	Heavy snowfall	Highland	Road and sea traffic severely impaired, cars and lorries stranded in snow drifts but no injuries, Skiing conditions considerably improved	A9 at Ralia closed, Blizzard and icing warnings in place, some ferry services cancelled	
<u>05/02/2008</u>	Inverness Courier	Heavy snowfall	Highland	River Ness water level consistently high	Salmon fishing season delayed by several weeks	
<u>06/02/2008</u>	Strathspey & Badenoch Herald	High winds and heavy snowfall	Badenoch & Strathspey	Heavy snowfall with drifts forming in high winds, white-out, dangerous road conditions with several accidents	Snow gates on A9 at Drumochter and Ralia shut, Transerv and Bear Scotland working round the clock	
<u>08/02/2008</u>	Inverness Courier	High winds	Inverness	Roof of building in Castle Street damaged, wall of new JJB fitness centre in retail park collapsed	Traffic stopped on Castle Street, road adjacent to JJB closed	Highland Council staff managed road closure in Castle Street
<u>07/03/2008</u>	Dunoon Observer & Argyllshire Standard	Cold snap	Argyll	Road traffic disruption by sudden snowfall and dropping temperatures	All gritting vehicles mobilized	Council workers working long hours
<u>10/03/2008</u>	BBC	High winds and rain	Highland	Difficult driving conditions on many roads	Motorists using the Skye, Kessock and Erskine bridge warned to drive with caution	
<u>09/04/2008</u>	Strathspey & Badenoch Herald	High winds and heavy snowfall	Cairn Gorm	Small aircraft crashed due to iced up wings and high winds, pilot killed	Emergency search and rescue operation by rescue teams and RAF helicopters, unsuccessful	

05/05/2008	Press & Journal	Unseasonably warm and dry	Highland	4C over maximum expected by Met Office, pleasant conditions on mountains and beaches	Spike in recreational activities on bank holiday	
07/05/2008	Strathspey & Badenoch Herald	After-effects of unseasonably dry winter weather	Ordiequish, Fochabers	Landslide of crumbling, sandy soil threatening to dump 1000 tons of earth into Spey	Crown Estate issues warning to canoeists and anglers to avoid the Spey as a sudden landslide may cause a three feet high shockwave	