

CASE STUDY

Sheffield floods cause chaos for local compressed air users

The Challenge

No one was prepared for the devastation the Sheffield floods caused. We evacuated our building around 3pm on Monday 25 June when the River Don burst its banks and the water started to come across Attercliffe Road into our car park.

On returning back to work to face a clean-up operation that is still ongoing, our customers were our main priority; and after several calls from existing and new customers, we needed to get them up and running again as soon as possible.

Client Testimonial

“The floods on the 25th June were unprecedented and had the potential to devastate our business. Without the dedication of our own maintenance team and the commitment of our core engineering suppliers and sub contractors we would certainly have lost a significant amount of work and the support of our customers. However, with Airchannel’s help, they managed to strip, repair and rebuild all 5 of our compressors enabling our forging hammers to resume production just 9 days after the whole site had been under a metre of water. This has kept our customers happy and helped secure our future along with our continued partnership with Airchannel.”

Gareth Davies, Operations Director, Independent Forgings & Alloys.

“Due to the severe flooding, 3 Hydrovane compressors, which provide compressed air to our Chemical Waste Treatment Facility at Salmon Pastures, were submerged in several feet of water, suffering irreparable damage.

Following a quick call to Andrew Richardson, Airchannel were able to deliver a mobile 600 cfm unit the following day, which we piped into our air main, enabling the plant to be partially up and running within two days of the floods.

Without this swift assistance the plant would have been down for considerably longer, adding to a mountain of problems which the flooding caused.”

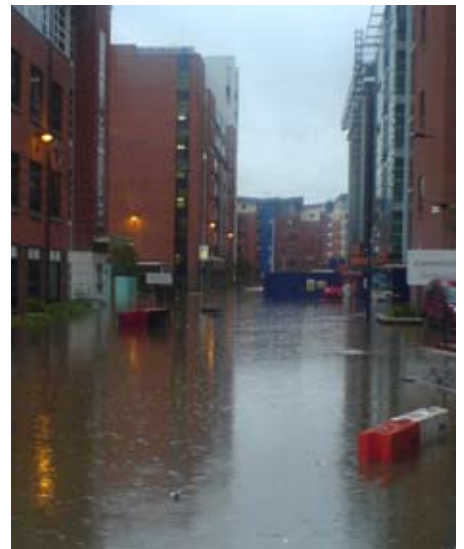
Richard Lomas, Engineering Manager, Viridor Waste Management.

Airchannel’s solution

Our main aim was to get our sales and service engineers out to the customers to assess their damage as quickly as we could, and to help them keep their loss of production to a minimum. We had to overcome the difficulties of many roads being flooded or gridlocked

Results

Even though along with many of our customers we are still in the early stages of what will probably be a lengthy clean-up procedure, our customers were our first priority. Thanks to being able to draw on big resources from Airchannel’s branch network, our customers were more than pleased with the efforts we made under difficult circumstances, as you can see from the testimonials below.



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