

Not just flooding...

Here is an account from a woman who lived in the area:

"On Friday 15th January we were wakened by the sound of a huge oak tree crashing down at the back-door, removing half of our driveway. In the Carse we had gale force winds all day, with hurricane gusts up to 140 miles per hour. These combined with the heavy flooding (from Balmyre Hill the Carse, which is all about sea level, looked like a river) loosened the roots of the trees, so that large trees were crashing everywhere like ninepins. With us, three trees fell, bringing down electricity lines, two blocked a side road and another three had to be cleared from blocking access to people's houses. Slates whizzed off the roof and embedded six inches deep in the grass. It was simply awful. Three hundred year-old oaks and lime trees crashed to the ground or split in half 50 feet up. Parts of the dome in the centre of our house fell in, spraying the carpet with rain and broken glass. At Bridge of Earn the river began to rise and started to burst its banks."

- Baroness Strange, speaking in the House of Lords