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| **FACTS** | **IMPACTS** | **ACTIONS** |
| The Beast from the East occurred during February and March 2018. | Hundreds of flights were cancelled as airports closed. | Snow ploughs were used to clear snow. |
| It was a heavy snow storm that brought up to 15cm of snow to Scotland and England. | Ski resorts had excellent snow depths are were able to open for a long season. Example: The Cairngorms and Nevis Range. | Emergency services had to remove vehicles that had broken down or crashed. |
| It was caused by a Polar Continental air mass. | A man died after falling through ice on a pond in London. | Soldiers were sent to help transport staff to and from hospitals. |
| The snow fell on Tuesday night and kept falling until Friday morning. | Thousands of schools were closed across the country. | Gritters were used to prevent ice forming on roads. |
| The Beast from the East collided with Storm Emma which created extreme conditions in England. | Multiple road traffic accidents due to the poor travel conditions. | RAF called in to drop of supplies by helicopter to isolated communities that had been cut off due to the snow. |
| Damage to powerlines and therefore power cuts occurred. | People were stranded in their cars on roads overnight. | The Red Cross dropped off temporary beds and blankets for people stranded overnight at Glasgow Airport. |
| Scottish Premier League football matches were cancelled. | Trains were cancelled across the country affecting commuter journeys. | Many communities came together to clear roads and help elderly neighbours get supplies. |
| Shortage of bread, milk, eggs and other fresh foods in supermarkets. | Roads and snow gates were closed. | Weather warnings and warnings from Police to try and prevent people from going out and putting themselves in danger. |
| Children were able to play in the snow. | People were stranded in airports due to cancellations. | People who lived near the M80 took food and water to people who were stranded in their cars on the road. |
| People built snowmen. | Each ‘snow day’ cost £1 billion to the UK Economy | Towns benefited from tourism due to the good snow in the ski resorts. Hotels filled up. Example: Aviemore |
| 10 people died. | Armed forces deployed to rescue drivers from cars. | Community centres opened for homeless people to shelter from the cold. |