



WAKEFIELD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

During the June and July floods 2007, like many areas in England, Wakefield suffered immensely. Hundreds of men and women were forced to evacuate their homes during what was quite an extraordinary event, with extreme freak rains striking the city.

Many areas of the city were affected, and in particular 88 houses, belonging to the City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council. The Council called The Revival Company, and a manager, Andrew Fairhurst, visited the houses in question.

All of the houses had suffered an average of 2 feet of water during the surge flooding of 20th June 2007. The City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council were clearly concerned about the damage that the floods had made, and needed them dried out quickly.

Revival's manager, Andrew Fairhurst, suggested they use The Revival Company Speed Drying Systems: **"I met with Andrew Smeaton from the council, and it was clear that his priority was the people who live in these houses. Because of this, and because of the size of the job, we allocated 2 of the speed drying systems."**

The Revival Speed Drying Systems provide a much quicker system for drying buildings than has ever been previously available, by bringing the temperature of a building to a very high level, using hot air.

Andrew and his team set to work. One speed-drying system would dry out two houses at a time, and would take just 2 days to do this. The system was monitored, through an internet connection by the local staff in Halifax. Revival staff were able not only to monitor progress but also to make changes to the temperature of the drying system's output. This ensured the most efficient level of humidity was maintained in the houses so speeding the process to the maximum.

Andrew and his team would visit the houses 3 times a week, to move the systems onto the next houses that needed drying, as well as going through all the routine checks.

As each system would only take two days to dry 2 houses, this meant no inconvenience for the residents, who only had to suffer a couple of nights away from their homes, where in other parts of the country people have had to move into mobile homes, being told that their property wouldn't be liveable until another 2 months.

All 88 houses were dried within 6 weeks, saving the City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council a vast amount of time and money and allowing their tenants to remain in their properties.

After The Revival company had finished the project, out of the 88 houses that were serviced, 87 of them did not have to be re-plastered or in fact need any major repair work done, again saving the council a lot of money, and keeping the residents very happy in what was quite a distressing time.