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Fire crews rescued 13 people as heavy rain turned roads into rivers at the weekend.

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue were called out 31 times on Sunday to deal with flooding incidents as more than half the rainfall for October fell in 12 hours. People in Hovingham and other villages were trapped in their homes.

The rain started at 4p.m. It was so heavy that people could not see through it. The roads soon became like rivers and the only way out was by boat. Fire crews were called and rescued people. Five people, including a child and a dog, were rescued in Danby. One family had to be rescued by a farmer and his tractor.

In Hovingham residents lifted a drain cover to let the water escape.

One of the people living in the village said, “The rescue services did a fantastic job.”

