Ten years ago this month on 28th July 2005 shortly after 1:30pm a tornado struck Birmingham causing extensive damage.

- Damage estimated at £40million.
- Rated T5/6 making it the strongest tornado since 1954. It hasn’t been equalled since.
- Track length of 11.7km from Kings Heath to Erdington.ii
- Maximum track width of 500m.
- There were a total of six tornadoes on this day as well as a supercell in Cambridgeshire/Lincolnshire.iii
- Birmingham also had a weaker tornado (T2/3) on 12th October 2005. The most recent tornado to hit Birmingham was on 24th May 2014 rated T1.
• There are an average of 36.5 tornadoes each year in the UK (47.2 if waterspouts are included).ii
• Tornadoes occur all year round with a peak in August.
• Tornadoes occur right across the UK but are most common in eastern and southern England.


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http://www.torro.org.uk

i http://www.torro.org.uk/site/tscale.php

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