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It's now looking quite likely that Brexit will coincide with both a third lockdown and - if the longterm forecasts are correct - severe flooding.
Any one of these events would be a national crisis.
Together they could amount to a national catastrophe.
God help us.

Our government has a track record of:
- ignoring warnings
- leaving the necessary action to the last possible minute
- then bungling it
- using a crisis to enrich its friends and advance its political agenda
- leaving the poorest and most vulnerable to sink or swim

These tendencies, in combination with a possible concatenation of crises, present a severe threat to our wellbeing. We are not in good hands.

So once again we will have to rely on each other. It's going to be a hard grind in early 2021, perhaps the hardest many people in the UK will ever have experienced.
To the greatest extent possible, we'll have to support each other - materially and psychologically.

Of course, there's no complete substitute for good governance. The ideal combination is a strong society and a responsible government. But as we don't have the latter, we'll need to be as strong together as we can.

Look out for your neighbours.
Look out for your friends.
Look out, in particular, for those with no friends.

https://t.co/CIzFBKk21n

In the fifth richest nation on Earth, where scarcely-taxed billionaires build palaces and the government scatters £100m contracts among its friends like confetti, this happens.

https://t.co/gh35xvKx8D

Alongside a class culture of extreme entitlement and a cavalier disregard for other people's welfare ....
https://t.co/e6WGzQNrcO

.... while abandoning any pretence of equal rights ....
https://t.co/7DVRYngMyM

> Eton has rightly decided its pupils will be taught remotely after a Covid outbreak.
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> But the Government is threatening legal action to force state schools in areas with soaring covid infection rates to stay open.
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> One rule for the rich. Another for everyone else.
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> — Richard Burgon MP (@RichardBurgon) December 15, 2020

... as the rich use the opportunity provided by another Tory government to enrich themselves still further.
https://t.co/sOFdesB80J

And lobby groups use it to undermine public protections, accelerating the greatest crisis of all: the gathering collapse of our life support systems.
https://t.co/dC6hH1fEhq

> This is massive, and horrific. @NFUtweets is secretly lobbying the government to allow #neonicotinoid pesticides to be reintroduced after Brexit.
> It tells its members: "Please refrain from sharing this on social media."
> On the contrary, please RT. https://t.co/Us25GkUppT pic.twitter.com/34ldTQfCDl
>
> — George Monbiot (@GeorgeMonbiot) December 11, 2020