

Storm reports

- 1 SIR — The great storm of 2013 was a bit of a damp squib. While I fully appreciate the need for preparation and warning, I can't help wondering how much absenteeism as a result of this widespread panic has cost Britain's businesses and the economy.

By 9am yesterday morning, many must have been wondering what all the fuss was about.

National broadcasters completely over-dramatised their live reports from locations such as Brighton beach and Lyme Regis. They won't be compensating small businesses for the consequence of having scared away employees.

Craig Peters

Worthing, West Sussex

- 2 SIR — I don't agree that it was "overkill" to think that extreme care might have been needed for those considering getting to work yesterday.

I too well remember the 1987 hurricane, the loss of life and the years it took to right the damage done.

So warnings were necessary: these weather systems cannot ever be foreseen exactly.

Rica Hare

St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex

- 3 SIR — I suppose it was commendable for the train-operating companies to postpone commencing services on a day when severe gales were forecast, in order to avoid stranded trains full of passengers and, worse, accidents.

But the problems of fallen trees on the line would have been almost non-existent had Network Rail kept trackside growth in check.

Peter Maynard

Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire

- 4 SIR — Despite the dire weather warnings, our Telegraph was delivered yesterday at 6.30am, like every other day.

Ken Jones

Hambledon, Hampshire

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