

# Flood Guidance Statement

10:30hrs Wednesday 14 January 2026



Wednesday  
14 Jan 2026 10:30-23:59

Thursday  
15 Jan 2026

Friday  
16 Jan 2026

Saturday  
17 Jan 2026

Sunday  
18 Jan 2026

Trend since last FGS  
Steady

Steady

Steady

Increased

Steady

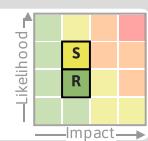
Minor surface water flooding is probable in parts of the South of England on Thursday, with inland flooding possible more widely in England on both Thursday and Friday. The overall flood risk is LOW.

## Specific Areas of Concern Map 1 - Thursday 15 and Friday 16 January 2026

### RISK AREA A

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **MEDIUM**



Source River Surface  
Likely duration 1 Day

Heavy and persistent rain falling on wet ground on Thursday.

### RISK AREA B

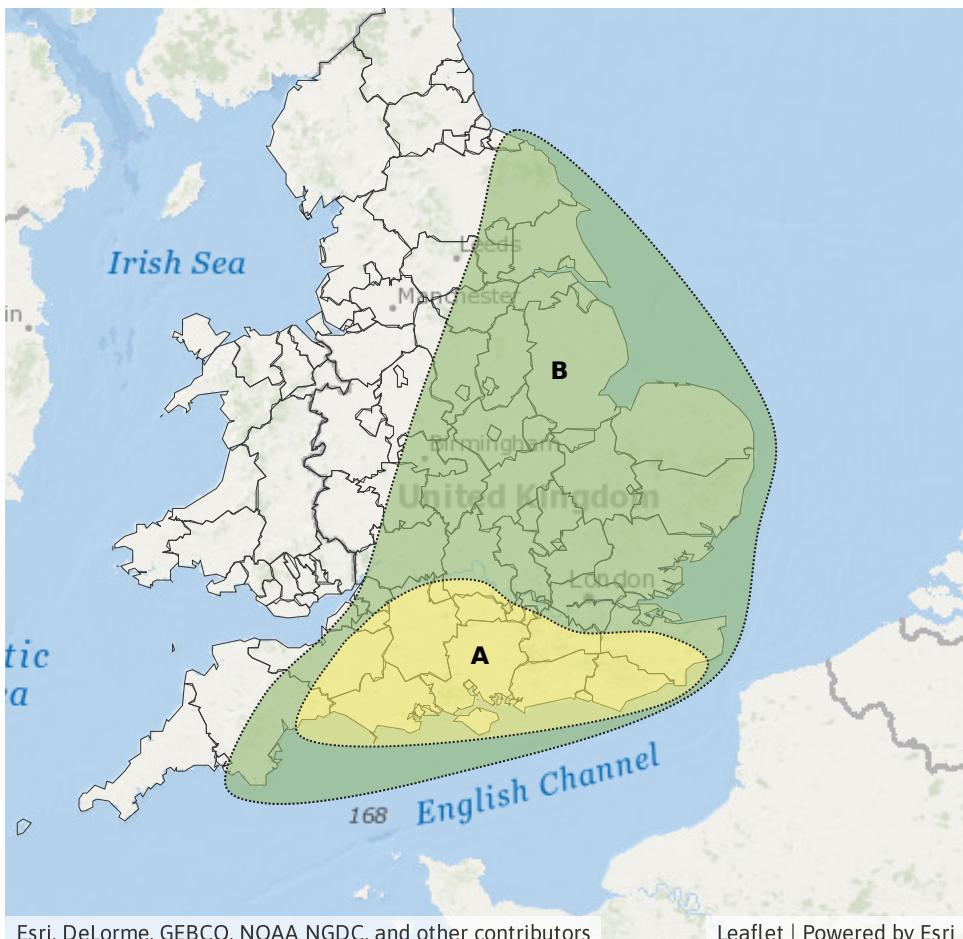
Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface  
Likely duration 2 Days

Widespread, heavy rain moving northeast.  
River response continues into Friday.



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## Assessment of flood risk



### Surface water

The surface water flood risk is **LOW** on Thursday.

Minor surface water flooding is probable in the South of England, possible more widely, and possible but not expected across other parts of England and Wales on Thursday. This is due to widespread, heavy rain moving northeastwards across many parts. See the Specific Areas of Concern Map for details.

Impacts could include localised flooding from urban and fast responding smaller watercourses/catchments, drains, channels and flooding from overland flow.



### Rivers

The river flood risk is **VERY LOW** for the next five days.

Minor river flooding is possible across parts of England on Thursday and Friday. This is due to widespread, heavy rain falling on wet catchments. See the Specific Areas of Concern Map for details.

Minor river flooding is also possible but not expected more widely across parts of England and Wales on Thursday, and also across parts of England on Saturday as larger rivers continue to respond.



### Coastal/Tidal

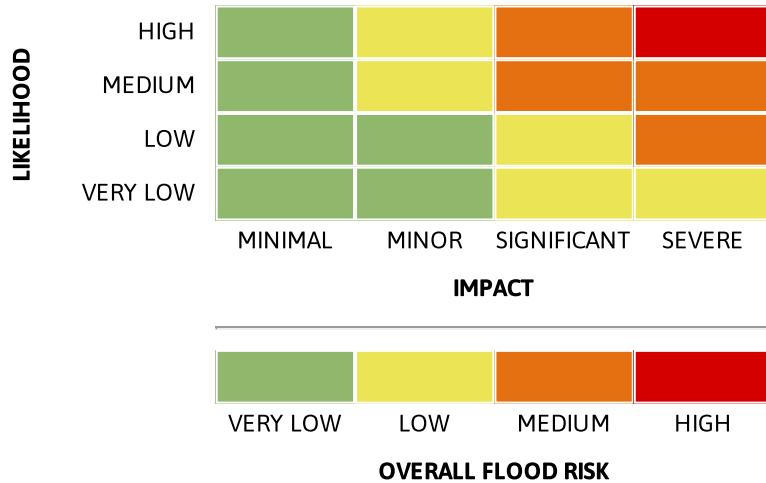
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### Groundwater

The groundwater flood risk is **VERY LOW** for the next five days.

## Flood risk matrix



## Summary of potential impacts

### MINIMAL

Isolated and minor flooding of low-lying land and roads  
Isolated spray/wave on coastal promenades  
Little or no disruption to travel, but wet road surfaces

### MINOR

Localised flooding of land and roads  
Flooding affecting individual properties  
Disruption to travel and key sites in flood plans

### SIGNIFICANT

Flooding affecting parts of communities  
Possible danger to life and damage to buildings/structures  
Disruption to travel and key sites in flood plans

### SEVERE

Danger to life, severe disruption to travel  
Widespread flooding affecting whole communities  
Widespread disruption or loss of infrastructure  
Large scale evacuation of properties possible

Next statement due **10:30hrs Thursday 15 January 2026 (all times are local)**

Contact details **Flood Forecasting Centre Duty Hydrometeorologist - 0330 135 4400**

More information <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/flood-forecasting-centre>